

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact is a written commitment describing how all members of a school community (parents, staff, and students) agree to share responsibility for student learning. This compact helps bridge the learning connection for your children between school and home.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Share strategies that staff, parents, and students can use to improve student learning
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to observe

Communication about Student Learning

McKendree Elementary is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some ways we can foster effective communication include:

- Email
- Daily/Weekly Agenda notes
- Phone Calls/Phone Conferences
- Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- DoJo
- Parent Portal

McKendree Elementary School Parent Center

Parents are welcome to visit our Parent Center. Please contact:

Susan Davidson, Parent Instructional Coordinator
Phone 678--226-2271,

Susan_Davidson@gwinnett.k12.ga.us,
Parent Center Hours Monday– Friday
8:00 AM-2:30 PM

Activities to Build Partnerships

Title I Planning Meeting August 15 (9:00-11:30)
Curriculum Nights August 22 (3rd-5th) 6:30-8:00
& August 25 (K-2nd) 6:30—8:00

Title I Annual Meeting September 21
9:30-10:30 and 5:00-6:00

Parent/Teacher Conferences Sept. 28&29
February 22&23, 2017

STEM Exploration Night January 23 (6:00-8:00)
Kinder Camp June 12-15

Camp for incoming Kindergarten students

- ◇ General classroom help as specified by the teacher– contact the teacher to indicate your desire to help in the classroom.
- ◇ Parent Center Workshops and volunteer opportunities. Materials available for check-out from Parent Center. English language classes held weekly.
- ◇ Opportunities to schedule class observations– contact teacher to request an observation day and time to ensure that students are in the classroom and not involved in an assessment.

Mission of McKendree Elementary School

The mission of McKendree Elementary School is to be a school that prepares students to accept the challenges of a changing world by arming them with the skills of problem-solving, critical thinking, academic knowledge, and the citizenship attributes of empathy and social conscience that will enable them to become competitive and cooperative citizens.



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McKendree Elementary School-Parent Compact 2016–2017



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The school, the parents, students, and other stakeholders were involved in the joint-development of this School-Parent Compact.

Insert School Name School-Parent Compact

Dear Family,

This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school, staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement at McKendree Elementary. This compact also describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help students achieve the state's high academic standards.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is necessary to understand our district and school's goals for student academic achievement.

Goals of Gwinnett County Public Schools:

Language Arts: All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

Math: Students are not only expected to become proficient in appropriate computational skills, but also to be actively involved in constructing and applying mathematical ideas.

Science: Students will develop a strong content understanding in the earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Social Studies: Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.

At McKendree Elementary we will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.

Teachers, Parents, and Students - Working Together to Achieve Success

Goals of McKendree Elementary: At McKendree Elementary, our goal is to improve reading comprehension with a focus on improving our students' reading stamina. Reading stamina is the ability to stay engaged with a text for longer periods of time. Teachers, students, and parents worked jointly to develop ideas that will support student success. It is important for us to work as a team to help your child meet the district and school's goals.

At McKendree Elementary we will...

Host workshops and webinars that will include a variety of strategies that parents can use with their child(ren) at home, including:

- Modeling read alouds
- Modeling writing strategies
- Modeling book talks
- Modeling reading strategies that include graphic organizers
- Modeling assessments and help select "just right books"
- Modeling how to use the Parent Portal to select leveled books

Provide a Parent Center that is filled with learning activities for all subject areas.

Keep the Parent Portal information updated and arrange times to be available for conferences to support parents in better understanding their child(ren)'s academic strengths and weaknesses.

As students of McKendree Elementary we will...

Use strategies that my teachers model in class.

- Practice reading and writing strategies at home.
- Use graphic organizers to help build reading comprehension
- Select "just right books"
- Use close reading strategies
- Visit the portal to select leveled reading materials
- Read at least 20 minutes every night
- Be engaged in the learning process

Encourage our families to visit the Parent Center and use materials that are checked out to further our reading comprehension.

Encourage our families to visit the Parent Portal and discuss strengths and weaknesses with parents. Work with our teachers and parents to come up with strategies to improve reading comprehension and reading stamina.

As Parents we will...

Attend workshops/webinars that are provided to improve our child(ren)'s reading comprehension by

- Reading aloud daily to my child
- Engage in book talks with my child
- Encourage the use of graphic organizers
- Help student select "Just right books"
- Use the portal to select leveled books to read at home

I will have my child read to me and summarize what he read.

Visit the Parent Center to check out materials to use at home

Visit the Parent Portal. Help my child identify strengths and weaknesses and work with teachers to develop strategies to improve reading comprehension and reading stamina.

Teachers, Parents, and Students—

Working Together to Achieve Success

The teachers, parents, and students of McKendree Elementary developed this School-Parent Compact.

All parents are invited to become involved in the joint development and revision of the School-Parent Compact. The Compact is written and reviewed annually with input and feedback from parents, teachers, business partners, and other stakeholders at the Title I Planning Meeting and document review opportunities.

Compacts will be revisited at parent/teacher conferences, parent workshops, and other school wide events.