



School-Parent Compact

8th Grade

2023-2024

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What is a School-Parent Compact

A School-Parent Compact is an agreement between teachers, administrators, parents and students. The compact provides details to connect parents, teachers and students together to promote student achievement at school and at home.

Parents, students and teachers each have a vital role in developing students who are high school ready, college and career focused, able to think independently, communicate effectively, and demonstrate their skills to a global audience.

Activities to Build Partnerships

Veterans Memorial Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to provide parents and students with access to our staff:

- **Fall Open House (7/26/2023)**
- **Content Focused Curriculum Nights - (8/23/2023 and 3/21/2024)**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (9/15/2023 and 2/2/2024)**
- **Updated School Website**
- **School Marquee**
- **Classroom Observations**
- **Parent Resource Room**

Hours of Operation: (M-F: 9:00am-3:30pm)

Jointly Developed

The School-Parent Compact is a document developed with input from teachers, parents and students. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from teachers and parents given throughout the school year and at the year-end stakeholders' meeting. Parents are welcomed to contribute comments and suggestions at any time. If you have any questions or comments about this compact or Title I,

Please contact Dr. Takila Curry for more information at curry.takila@newton.k12.ga.us

Communications About Student Learning

VMMS offers ongoing opportunities to provide parents, students and families reasonable access to our staff.

Our Parent Conference Days:

September 15, 2023

February 2, 2024

Our Progress Reports given to secondary students every 4.5 weeks

August 31, 2023

November 30, 2023

February 8, 2024

April 25, 2024

Our Report Cards given to secondary students every 9 weeks

October 19, 2023

January 11, 2024

March 21, 2024

May 23, 2024

Parents may observe and/or volunteer in classes during the school year by appointment only. Additionally, parents may schedule conferences as needed throughout the year.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Newton County Schools Goals

The mission of Newton County Schools is to provide educational excellence to all students.

Goal 1: Increase the graduation rate

Goal 2: Increase opportunities for students to demonstrate success

Goal 3: Improve student mastery of standards

Veterans Memorial Middle School Goals

Students in grades 6-8 will show an overall increase in Math performance from Developing Learners to Proficient Learners as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment and or the Fastbridge Assessment tool by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Focus Areas

- Number Sense/Problem Solving

Students in grade 6 will show an overall increase in ELA performance from Developing Learners to Proficient Learners as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment and or the Fastbridge Assessment tool by the end of the 2023-2024 school year

Focus Areas

- Reading Comprehension/Written Expression

Teachers, Students, and Parents—Together for Success

VMMS responsibilities: As a school, VMMS will:

- Conduct a series of joint trainings for students and parents to practice using strategies to develop better readers, strengthen written expression and implement strategies to enhance number sense
- Hold parent-teacher conferences that will serve as an opportunity for parents to receive personalized strategies to support reading and math focus areas and “Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork” (TIPS) on monitoring student progress.
- Post to our website access to available programs and other links for learning to provide parents and students with ongoing support to increase achievement in the areas of number sense and mathematical reasoning, reading comprehension and written expression.

Family responsibilities: As a parent, I will:

- Attend joint trainings and encourage my student to use strategies to build reading comprehension skills, develop fluent writers, and follow steps to problem solve in order to enhance basic math operations
- Attend parent-teacher conferences to assist with progress monitoring and to receive personalized strategies specific for my student to support his/her reading and mathematical skills and use “Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork” (TIPS) handout activities to foster the learning environment at home.
- Encourage my student to use the programs and links available for learning that will provide ongoing support and increase achievement in the areas of: number sense, mathematical computation, reading comprehension, and written expression.

Student responsibilities As a student, I will:

- Attend joint trainings with my parents to receive strategies that support math and reading and talk to my parents on how they can assist with learning at home and Talk to my parents about the “Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork” (TIPS) handout activities to foster my learning at home.
- Practice those personalized strategies given at the parent-teacher conferences to monitor my progress and to increase my understanding in number fluency, enhance basic math operations, reading fluency, and citing textual evidence.
- Visit the school’s websites with my parents and families to practice reading using the available programs and links for learning to provide ongoing support for number fact fluency, mathematical computation, reading fluency, and written expression.