



Harmony Elementary School

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SCHOOL—PARENT COMPACT FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2015-2016

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What is a School-Parent Compact?

A *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop collaboratively. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards.

Effective Compacts

- Link to goals of the School Improvement Plan.
- Focus on student learning skills.
- Share strategies parents can use at home.
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress.

How Partnerships are Built

At Harmony Elementary, we believe when our school and families work together, our students benefit. We do this by offering numerous opportunities for families to participate in workshops, activities, and family nights. Please check the Harmony calendar found on the HES website for dates and times. Reminders will also be sent home with students via communication folders.



Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Harmony Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement. Teachers suggested strategies parents could use at home, parents added ideas to make learning more practical, and students expressed how they learn best. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on students' needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.
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Communication about Student Learning

Harmony Elementary School is committed to two-way communication with families about their students' learning and progress. Some of the ways you can expect to hear from us are:

- Weekly newsletters and communication folders
- Event information on school website and social media
- Teacher web pages that include lesson plans
- Phone calls, email blasts, and notes home
- Attendance and academic information via Infinite Campus
- Progress reports and report cards

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone 706-253-1840 or by email. E-mail addresses are on the school website @ <http://harmonyele.pickens.k12.ga.us>

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Harmony Elementary

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have received, read, and agree to this School-Parent-Student compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child's teacher and keep the School-Parent-Student Compact as a reminder of your commitment. The School-Parent-Student Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school. We look forward to our school-family partnership.

School Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Parents Students Teachers

Working Together for Success

District Goals



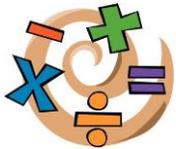
The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goal for 2015-2016 is to raise student achievement as reflected in a 3% increase in CCRPI scores.

Harmony Elementary School Goals

Harmony Elementary's School Improvement Team, teachers, and administrators have analyzed data to decide the most important areas of improvement for our school.

Math – To increase math proficiency by 5% over three years, our school will concentrate on number sense in grades K-5.

Reading – To increase reading proficiency by 5% over three years, our school will concentrate on phonics and vocabulary development in grades K-5.



In the Classroom

The staff at Harmony Elementary will work with students and their families to support students' academic success in all academic areas. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Families celebrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics with STEM night. Students and parents can participate in a variety of hands-on activities.
- Families celebrate their student's best written work at the Author's Celebration. An author/story teller will also share a story with parents and students.
- Weekly newsletters will have suggestions to help students with academic achievement.
- HES webpage will have links to on-line resources that parents and students can use to help with standards and homework.

At Home

Harmony parents joined staff members to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in all academic areas. Families may have other ideas to add to the list below:

- Visit the school or public library regularly.
- Read 20 minutes a day with children.
- Create a journal. Everyone in the family takes turns writing and reading.
- Review and correct school work with your student.
- Help your student study for tests;
- Cook with your student to help with reading and math.
- Attend Family Nights— Curriculum, STEM and Author's Nights.
- Take family "field trips" to educational places such as museums, historical sites or state parks.

Harmony Elementary Students

Harmony School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how students can succeed in all academic areas. Students suggested the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Read fiction and nonfiction books
- Practice writing by using a journal
- Practice math skills to increase math fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Play games at home that require math skills
- Make games at school to play at home

