



## 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 School, we believe when our school and families work together, our students benefit. We do this by offering Curriculum Nights, STEM Night, Book Fairs, tips and strategies links and resources on newsletters, and volunteering opportunities. 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 also invited to complete a Parent Involvement Survey during the spring of each year. Ideas gathered from the meetings and surveys are used to develop this Compact and other Title I-A plans.



Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

Parent & Community Involvement Coordinator

706-253-1700 or

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706-253-1840

## COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING

Harmony Elementary School is committed to two-way communication with families about their students' learning and progress. The staff strives to provide communication, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand. Some of the ways you can expect to hear from us are:



- Weekly or monthly newsletters and weekly communication folders
- Event information on school website and social media
- Teacher web pages with information and educational resources, such as Skubes
- Phone calls, email blasts, and notes home
- Attendance and academic information via Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- 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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2017-18 District Goals	2017-18 HES Goals	Our Commitment to Parent Involvement
<p>The district goals for 2017-2018 focus on improving student achievement in all core content areas (ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies) and supporting all levels of learners.</p> <p>Goal 1: Increase student achievement as reflected on CCRPI by 3% of the gap each year from the baseline year per the Strategic Waiver.</p> <p>Goal 2: Provide instructional strategies focused on mastery of content through professional learning opportunities designed to address all levels of learners.</p>	<p>Harmony Elementary School's Improvement Team, teachers, and administrators have analyzed data to decide the most important areas of improvement for our school:</p> <p>Goal 1: Increase proficiency in core content areas with a focus on reading and mathematics.</p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonemic Awareness (K-1)</li> <li>• Comprehension and Fluency (2-5)</li> </ul> <p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number Sense (K-2)</li> <li>• Fact Fluency (3-5)</li> </ul>	<p>Harmony Elementary School is committed to parent involvement and will do the following to help ensure the academic achievement of our students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome all families</li> <li>2. Communicate effectively</li> <li>3. Support students' success</li> <li>4. Advocate for each child</li> <li>5. Partner with parents</li> <li>6. Collaborate with our community</li> </ol>

**PARENTS – STUDENTS – TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS**

**In the Classroom**

The staff at Harmony Elementary School 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:

Reading

- Provide activities and resources during Curriculum Nights that parents can use at home targeting phonemic awareness, comprehension, and fluency
- Newsletters, teacher webpages, and the school website containing activities, strategies, and links for phonemic awareness, comprehension, and fluency.
- Book bags with leveled readers will be sent home with students throughout the year to support comprehension and fluency.

Math

- Strategies and activities to promote number sense and fact fluency are shared during parent/teacher conferences.
- Newsletters, teacher webpages, and the school website containing activities, strategies, and links for number sense and fact fluency.
- Flashcards will be sent home with students throughout the year to practice math facts.

**At Home**

Harmony Elementary School parents provided ideas on how families can support students' success in all academic areas.

Reading

- Attend Curriculum Nights and use activities with children at home.
- Look for newsletters and explore webpages; use strategies and do activities with children at home.
- Read with children at home.

Math

- Attend parent/teacher conferences and use strategies with children at home.
- Look for newsletters and explore webpages; use strategies and do activities with children at home.
- Look for flashcards and review facts with children at home.

**Harmony Elementary Students**

Harmony Elementary School students suggested the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

Reading

- Give parents flyers about Curriculum Nights.
- Give parents newsletters and links to webpages.
- Read with parents at home.

Math

- Give notification regarding parent conferences to parents.
- Give parents newsletters and links to webpages.
- Practice facts using flashcards at home.

