



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 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.

Parent & Community Involvement Coordinator

706-253-1700 or

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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>.

PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS



GRADUATION AND LIFE PREPARATION FOR ALL!

2016-17 District Goals	2016-17 HES Goals	Our Commitment to Parent Involvement
<p>The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goal for 2016-2017 is to raise student achievement as reflected in a 3% increase in CCRPI scores.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math – To increase math proficiency by 5% over three years, HES will concentrate on number sense in grades K-5. ✓ Reading – To increase reading proficiency by 5% over three years, HES will concentrate on phonics and vocabulary development in grades K-5. 	<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"> 1. Welcome all families 2. Communicate effectively 3. Support students' success 4. Advocate for each child 5. Partner with parents 6. Collaborate with our community

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:

- 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 Elementary School 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 Elementary 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.