

What is a School-Parent Compact?

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

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom.

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Varnell Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held annually to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer, participate, and/or observe in the classroom, please contact: [Lisa Jones](mailto:Lisa.Jones@wcschools.net) at 706-694-3471 or go to our school website and click on the **Parent Button.**

Building Partnerships

August 7- Meet Your Teacher (1:00-3:00)

August 21- School Council Meeting 7am

September 21- Breakfast with a Guest

September 27-Title 1 Meeting, Open House

October 23- School Council Meeting 7am

November 8- Family Math Game Night

December 18- School Council Meeting 7am

January 24- Creative Discovery "STEAM" Night

February 25- Creative Discovery Literacy Night

February 26-School Council Meeting 7am

April 23- School Council Meeting 7am

May 23-24- Grade Level Awards Days

Communication about Student Learning

Varnell is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

1. Agendas
2. Monthly "check-in" notes or phone calls
3. Updates on the school website and current grades in the Parent Portal
4. Parent-teacher conferences in October and March
5. Remind Messages

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by 706-694-3471 or e-mail. E-mail addresses are on the school website at <http://www.wcschools.net/ves>. Also "Remind" messaging.

Varnell Elementary School

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT

2018-2019

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Whitfield County Schools
building on a tradition of excellence

Fifth Grade **Focus**



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Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

Our Goals for Student Achievement

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Whitfield County Schools must submit to the Georgia Department of Education a district improvement plan for approval. The district improvement goals for 2017 – 2018 are:

Goal 1: Increase of our graduation rate from 82.4% by three percent to 85.4% over the next three years for all students.

Goal 2: Reduce the achievement gap in English Language arts.

Goal 3: To increase the capacity of all WCS teachers and leaders to enhance student learning through evidence based professional learning.

Goal 4: To build capacity within for leadership in Whitfield County Schools through professional learning; establishment of a leadership academy to build capacity for future leadership needs .

SCHOOL GOALS:

Reading- Students will perform at their highest expected level. ALL students will show increases in their literacy assessment data and in MAP.

Math- Students will perform at their highest expected level. All students will show increases in pre to post assessments from the GOE math units and in MAP.

When teachers, students, and families work together, we CAN achieve goals!

In the 5th Grade Classroom

- Send home flashcards to practice multiplication facts. Send websites in agendas that support the content areas as needed.
- Conference and develop goals with students every nine week period that focus on reading and math skills. Send home materials for parents to support these skills at home.
- Use text messages, phone calls, and “Remind” to inform parents of homework, upcoming events, and other pertinent information.
- Offer study time during class
- Communicate grading policy to students and

At Home

Varnell Elementary parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support student success.

- Use flashcards and games with my child to increase fluency with multiplication facts.
- Support my child’s reading and comprehension goals by talking and asking questions about stories my child is reading in class and at home.
- Read the agenda with my child every night. Focus on homework and my child’s goals.
- Sign up for Remind messages

Students

Students of VES joined staff to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and at school.

- Read 120 minutes per week in a quiet place and /or to someone in my family.
- Practice my multiplication facts using flashcards and supportive websites.
- Show my agenda to someone in my family every night focusing on my goals and homework.
- Conference with my teacher about my academic, behavioral, and emotional goals that will help me in the classroom.
- Use classroom study time wisely. Study and ask the teacher questions during this time.
- Do 3 or more activities in Learning Odyssey.

Family Nights are a great place for families to learn together!

(See the back of this brochure for more information)