

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](#) at [706-694-3471](tel: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. Weekly homework folders
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

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by [706-694-3471](tel:706-694-3471) or e-mail. E-mail addresses are on the school website at <http://www.wcsga.net/ves>.

Varnell **Elementary**

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR
ACHIEVEMENT

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Whitfield County Schools
building on a tradition of excellence

Second Grade

Focus



For Student Success

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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!

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

In the Second Grade Classroom

The second grade team will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Provide parents with the 2nd Grade Standards that will be taught throughout the school year.
- Support all learners in the classroom.
- Provide parents with Learning Odyssey username and password.
- Send home browsing bags to support reading fluency and comprehension.
- Create an inviting and safe atmosphere for children to learn.

At Home

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

- Help my child with organization and time management
- Create math games and activities that practice math skills.
- Support Learning Odyssey usage if applicable.
- Write stories with my child that are based on a specific genre.
- Actively participate with my child as he/she reads books from the browsing bag. Sign reading log for accountability.
- Stay informed by reading school and classroom newsletters.
- Support my child's teacher

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 with parents and practice sight words.
- Be responsible for my learning.
- Complete homework
- Learning Odyssey

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

(see the back of this brochure for more information)