

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 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: Paula Wheeler at 706-694-3471 or go to our school website and click on the **Parent Button**

Activities to Build Partnerships

- Family Nights throughout the year
- Parent Conferences
- School Council Meetings

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/ newsletter
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. Class Dojo

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.wcsga.net/ves>.

Varnell Elementary School

School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement

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Whitfield County Schools



Second Grade Focus for Student Success

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goal(s)

Goal 1: Increase of our graduation rate from **87.2%** to **89.2%** by two percent over the next three years for all students.

Goal 2: Reduce the achievement gap(s) in English Language Arts & Mathematics.

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

2022-23 School Goals

Goal 1: Increase the number of students in the average to high range on MAP reading from 55% to 57% by the Spring of 2023.

Goal 2: Increase the number of students performing at the proficient status in ELA from 46% to 49% by the Spring 2021 school year.

Goal 3: To increase the number of students performing at proficient in Math from 63% to 66% by the Spring 2021 school year

Teachers, Parents, and Students—Together for Success

Teacher/School Responsibilities:

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 Math Unit Letters that will be taught throughout the school year.
- Support all learners in the classroom.
- Provide parents with Reflex Math usernames and passwords.
- Send home browsing bags to support reading fluency and comprehension.
- Create an inviting and safe atmosphere for children to learn.

Family Responsibilities

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.
- 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.
- Frequently check Class Dojo
- Support my child's teacher

Student Responsibilities

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
- Reflex Math
- Display Colt behavior