

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
 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 101
- 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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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:

- 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 parents.

Family Responsibilities

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.

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 120 minutes per week/30 minutes per night 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.