

2017-2018

School-Parent Compact for Achievement

1st Grade Focus for Student Success

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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.

- 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 Folkston 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 each year 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 your child's teacher to set up an appropriate time.

Building Partnerships

- Looking for materials to help your child? Look no further! Check out our **RESOURCE ROOM!**
- Please join us for **GRADE LEVEL MEETINGS** throughout the year where you can learn how to make this year successful for both you and your child!
- Don't forget to look out for our **FAMILY NIGHTS** coming up in November, January, February, & March. These evenings consist of making memories and learning new skills to be successful in school not only for the student but the parents as well!

Communication about Student Learning

Folkston Elementary School 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:

- Red Folders (contain any materials sent home to be viewed by parents to include information about activities going on at school or graded papers)
- Updates on the school website and current grades in Infinite Campus
- Parent-Teacher conferences in September, November, & April

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone 912-496-7369 or email. Email addresses are on the school website at www.charlton.k12.ga.us.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

District Goals

The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district.
The district goals for 2017-2018 are:

- To move 10% of students performing at the Beginning, Developing, and Proficient levels on the ELA GMAS to the next performance level.
- To move 10% of students at the Beginning, Developing, and Proficient levels on the Math GMAS to the next performance level.

School Goals

Folkston Elementary School will move 10% of students performing at the Beginning, Developing, and Proficient levels on the ELA GMAS to the next performance level.

In 1st Grade our school will focus on the following areas:

- Read for fluency
- Describe characters/settings/events
- Recognize features of a sentence

Folkston Elementary School will move 10% of students at the Beginning, Developing, and Proficient levels on the Math GMAS to the next performance level.

In 1st Grade our school will focus on the following areas:

- Develop an understanding of addition, subtraction, and strategies for addition and subtraction within 20
- Develop an understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones

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

In the 1st Grade Classroom

The classroom 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 meaningful activities to complete at home when necessary and/or appropriate
- Offer free Family Fun nights throughout the school year concentrating on evidence based strategies across all content areas.
- Provide newsletters that feature "parent helpers" for the standards taught in the classroom, along with other valuable information concerning important dates, lessons, & assessments.

FES Students

Folkston Elementary students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- I will talk to my parents about the new words I am learning and what they mean.
- I will make sure that I bring all newsletters and any other papers home when given to me.
- I am going to do a better job at studying and doing my homework.
- I will create my own games to use for studying by myself and with my friends.

At Home

Folkston Elementary parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math.

- Try to attend Family Nights or get information from the PTO or my child's teacher if we can't attend.
- Play word games with the new vocabulary words and find ways to use these words in family conversations.
- Be sure to check the school website out for upcoming activities.
- Read to my child daily
- Make up number stories – "you have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. There are 4 of them"

Family Fun Nights are a great place to learn new words, practice math – and win prizes!