

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A Family-School Compact is an action plan to enhance schools and promote student success.

The Family-School Compact describes how McGarity Elementary and families will work together to help children achieve the State's high standards. It outlines how parents, the school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Our Compact describes what the school will provide to students and parents, how communication will take place, and how teachers will help students develop necessary skills. It outlines what strategies families can use at home to support their child's learning. These components are linked to our School Improvement Plan.

Jointly Developed

Parents, staff, and students of McGarity Elementary contributed to the development of this Compact. Feedback from surveys, input at meetings, and evaluation of current parent involvement practices were all considered. Teachers suggested activities that they will support and can take place at home, and parents contributed ideas to make these activities possible. Students offered feedback on what would help them learn.

Meetings are held each year to review the Compact, and to make necessary changes. The Compact ensures that students are provided with the best opportunity for academic achievement by the school and family working together.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time. The Compact will be referenced throughout the year in monthly parent meetings, at Family Nights, and monthly newsletters. Please contact your Title I Instructional Lead Teacher, Karen Slate at 770-445-9007 or KSlate@paulding.k12.ga.us with any questions about your child's education.

Activities to Build Partnerships

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McGarity Elementary is committed to providing families with resources and opportunities for learning in order to assist parents in working with their child. We will be creating a **Parent Resource Center (PRC)** this year that will offer educational games, books and other materials available for parents to borrow for free. As materials & resources are added, they will be available to parents of Title I students being served. **Computers** with internet access for parent use will also be available. The PRC will be open every school day, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30p.m. Targeted Title I parents will be notified when the center is open.

We will offer a **Family Learning Night** in the fall and spring. Our focus will be Science and Math in the fall and Reading in the spring. We will also offer monthly parent meetings that will provide information on topics such as helping your child in Math and Reading, Understanding Tests and Assessments, Grade Level Learning Expectations, and more. Targeted Title I parents are invited to request specific topics of interest.

A **Title I Newsletter** is sent home each month, with news on upcoming Parent events and other helpful information.

Communication about Student Learning

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McGarity Elementary realizes the importance of frequent and specific communication with parents. Some of the ways we will be reaching out to our families this year are:

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place 10/10/16-10/14/16 and 03/20/17-03/24/17

Student Reports are issued every nine weeks, in addition to progress reports. **Infinite Campus** information may be accessed through Parent Portal.

Electronic Communication will be used through emails, school website, Remind, and social media sites.

Weekly folders and agendas are given to each student to use as a consistent communication tool between home and school.

Volunteering will be offered throughout the year. Parents can sign up to help volunteer with PTA events, proctoring for testing, book fairs, Title I nights, and classroom activities.

Access to Staff

- Email addresses of all staff is available on our school website www.paulding.k12.ga.us; click on "schools"
- Please call the school to schedule an

2016-2017 School Parent Compact

5th Grade Focus for Student Achievement

Revised: 10/7/16



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Our Goals for Student Achievement

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District goals:

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts End of Grade Assessment will increase by 1.5 percentage points.

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by 1.5 percentage points.

McGarity Elementary goals:

Students at McGarity Elementary in grades 3-5 will score at or above the district average in the content area of math based on the Georgia Milestone Assessment.

In 5th grade our school will focus on the following area:

- Multiplication/Division math facts to build fluency

80% of 4th & 5th grade students will have a Lexile score on or above grade level as measured by the Universal Screener. 50% of Students with Disabilities in grades 1-5 will have a Lexile score on or above grade level as measured by the Universal Screener.

In 5th grade our school will focus on the following area:

- Increasing student Lexile Levels

Compact Distribution

Compacts are discussed with parents/guardians and students during Parent/Teacher Conference Week 10/10//16-10/14/16. Feedback, and requests for support and welcome at any time.

Teachers, Parents, and Students—Together for Success

School/Teacher Responsibilities:

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- Provide subject related activity for students to read and respond to in writing. A checklist will be provided to guide the activity.
- Provide multiplication/division fact fluency sheet in daily communication folder.
- Provide information via the agenda/emails/teacher websites with updates on classroom expectations, assignments, and events

Family Responsibilities:

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- Use writing checklist to help guide my child's writing responses.
- Practice multiplication/division fact fluency nightly for 5 minutes or use multiplication/division app or website such as XTRAMATH.ORG if available.
- Sign agendas daily and communicate with teacher through agendas and emails.

Student Responsibilities:

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- Read the writing assignment and use the writing checklist when completing the assignment.
- Practice multiplication/division fact fluency each night for 5 minutes with an adult.
- Bring home my daily communication folder/agenda and share it with my family. Ask an adult to sign it and return it to school every day.

Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians of students at McGarity Elementary will be made available upon request. Targeted Title I students and parents had the opportunity to discuss the contents of and have received a copy of this compact.