

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact 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

Parents, students, teachers, and faculty members work together to develop our school-parent compact. Parents are involved in the revision process through the MCMS School Council, Annual Spring Title I Parent Survey, Parent-Teacher conferences, Parent Revision meeting, and the school website. This compact is uniquely developed to meet the needs and goals of our school and students. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time during the year.

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact Dr. Melissa Williams at (912) 437-6685.

Building Partnerships

McIntosh County Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to provide parents and students with access to our staff:

- Open House
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Annual Title I Curriculum Night
- Telephone
- Email
- Teacher and School Webpage
- Book Fair
- Parent Resource Center

Communication about Student Learning

McIntosh County Middle School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways that we will communicate with you are:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- School Agenda
- Progress Reports every three weeks
- Report Cards every nine weeks
- Parent Portal
- SchoolReach
- Facebook
- MCMS School Webpage
- Newsletters
- Parent Resource Center
- REMIND

Parent Involvement

There are many opportunities at our school for parents to volunteer and play a role in their child's education. Please consider joining the faculty, staff, and your student through some of the following events and programs:

- Parent Mentor and Volunteer Program
- PTA
- School Council

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goal

McIntosh County School District's goal is to strive to increase parental involvement.

"Parents who are engaged in schools and student learning."

School Goals

McIntosh County Middle School's Goals for 2016-2017 are to improve students':

- Writing skills in all content areas and in preparation for constructive response portion of the state assessment.
- Vocabulary skills in all content areas with a focus on science, social studies, and testing terms.
- Attendance rates because students achieve more when they are present.



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

Teachers, Parents, and Students—Together for Success

School/Teacher Responsibilities

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in the *Georgia Standard of Excellence* in all academic areas.

Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Parents support the learning goals.
- School-wide vocabulary each month.
- Use the "word wall" and storytelling to incorporate new words. Send new words to families each month with information on how to help their child learn the word and its meaning.
- Develop goals with students that focus on increasing their skill in math computation. Send goals to parents along with some practical ideas for supporting their learning goals at home.

Family Responsibilities

McIntosh County Middle School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math.

Some of our key at-home activities will be:

- Use the agenda to discuss my child's learning goals and use the teachers' materials to support my child's learning at home.
- Use new word from the week and remember to use them in conversations and stories.
- Read with my child every day and talk about how the story connects with things that he or she has experienced.
- Use the math goals and related games or strategies the teacher sends home to improve my child's basic skills and computation skills.

McIntosh County Middle School Student Responsibilities

McIntosh County Middle School 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:

- Set goals for myself to learn new words and read every day
- Think of new words to put on our family "word wall." Share ideas with my friends.
- Make up stories to tell my friends using new words.
- Help make the grocery list and estimate how much the food will cost.