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 Toombs County Middle 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 help at the school, please contact Dr. Renee Garbutt at 912-526-8363 or renee.garbutt@toombs.k12.ga.us.

Building Partnerships

We encourage all parents to be involved in these Family Fun Learning Adventures!

- October 1, 2018—Parent Conferences and Parent Portal Training (4:30-5:30 p.m.), Annual Title I Meeting (5:30-6:00 p.m.), Visit Your Child’s Team (6:00-6:30 p.m.).
- March 4, 2019—Science Fair/Agriculture Presentation (5:30-6:00 p.m.), Federal Programs Surveys, (6:00-6:30 p.m.), Georgia Milestones Test Prep Session (6:30-7:00 p.m.).
- April 15, 2019—Moving to Middle School for Upcoming 6th Graders (5:30-6:30 p.m.).
- May 7, 2019—Upcoming 6th graders Visit

Communication about Student Learning

Toombs County Middle 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:

- Updates on the TCMS website and current grades in Parent Portal
- Notes and phone calls
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Remind 101 (text message reminders)
- Emails

Do you have questions about your child’s progress? Contact your child’s teacher by phone 912-526-8363 or email (firstname.lastname@toombs.k12.ga.us).

Where Pups Become Dawgs

Designated as a Title I School
Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals
The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goals for 2018-2019 focus on the following four areas:
- Literacy
- Leadership
- Curriculum
- Culture

Toombs County Middle School Goals
Toombs County Middle administrators and teachers have studied our student performance data to identify the most important areas of improvement for our school.

CCRPI—Increase our CCRPI Score by 3% by increasing the percent of students scoring at level 3 or 4 in ELA and Math standards on the GA Milestones EOG Assessment.

Attendance—Improve student attendance by reducing the number of students absent 6 or more days by 5%.

Discipline—To reduce office discipline referrals by 5%, our school will:
- Teach
- Model
- and Reinforce appropriate school behaviors that contribute to student academic success utilizing Positive Behavior Intervention and Support.

Teachers, Parents, Students—Together for Success

In the TCMS Classrooms
Toombs County Middle School staff will work with students and their families to support students’ success in all academic subjects. Some of our key connections with families will be:
- Offer homework help, as requested, in all subject areas for students that are experiencing difficulties.
- Schedule parent conferences to discuss and review student progress with parents on important assessments like RI and GA Milestone EOG Assessment.
- Design a team newsletter distributed each 8 weeks to provide parents with curriculum updates and resources for academic subjects.
- Offer communication tools like Remind 101, independent teacher websites, email, etc. to communicate with parents about class assignments and homework.
- Provide students with the opportunity to participate in a Science Fair/Agricultural Presentation night and share the activities with families.

At Home
Toombs County Middle School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students’ success in academic areas. Families may have other ideas to add to this list.
- Look at the school website for links to explore new educational sites in academic areas.
- Read the newsletters each month for resources related to academic subjects. Utilize these resources with your child.
- Attend parent meetings and conferences to learn more about your child’s progress on tests: RI, classroom assessments, and GA Milestones EOG Assessment.
- Utilize communication tools like Remind 101, Parent Portal, independent teacher websites, and email to keep updated about your child’s classwork and homework assignments.

Toombs County Middle School Students
Toombs County Middle School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:
- Review the academic resources on the school website with my family.
- Bring home the Home & School Connection newsletter and notices about parent nights and conferences.
- Complete classwork and homework assignments.
- Utilize communication tools provided by my teachers for updates and reminders.
- Utilize an agenda for assignments and school activities.

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