



Henderson Middle School

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School-Parent Compact
Henderson Middle School
School Year 2018 - 2019
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Henderson Middle School students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Henderson Middle School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested learning strategies within our pre-planning, professional development, leadership and team meetings. Parents added input by participating in a voluntary survey and questionnaire located in our front office 9/1/2018 through 9/26/18, and our School Council allowed parents an opportunity to participate in discussions on the types of support they need. Henderson Middle School's Peer Leadership students participated in a discussion on what would help them learn. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the annual Title I parent survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs and policies and is located on our school's website.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

Butts County School System GOALS:

- Excellence in Student Achievement and Success
- Excellence in Organizational Effectiveness
- Excellence in Relationships and Perceptions

Henderson Middle School GOALS:



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- To improve literacy skills by providing purposeful reading, writing, and discussions in every classroom.
- HMS will increase the weighted percent of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts EOG from 52.7 to 55.7.
- To meet and/or exceed performance targets in all content areas.
- To increase the rigor and quality of instruction in all content areas for all students.

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together to:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Henderson Middle School will:

1. Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards by:
 - Ensuring teachers implement the Georgia Standards of Excellence consistently and effectively in all classrooms.
 - Increasing rigor and quality of instruction in all content areas for all students.
 - Implementing strategies that develop skills in authentic literacy (reading, writing, and speaking).
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
 - Parent conferences will be held before, during, and after school hours. The school-parent compact will serve as an agreement for teachers and parents to share the responsibility for improved student achievement. Parents will be able to schedule conferences with their child's teachers at other times throughout the year based on the students' need.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress.
 - Progress reports will be sent home every 4 1/2 weeks for parent review and signature. (September 2018, October 2018, November 2018, January 2019, February 2019, March 2019, April 2019, May 2019)
 - Weekly grades will also be accessible to parents on Infinite Campus.



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4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. In effort to build strong relationships and perceptions, parents are encouraged to contact school personnel with questions, concerns or to schedule a meeting.
 - Parents are encouraged to schedule any needed conferences with teachers by calling Henderson Middle School at 770-504-2310 or by emailing a specified teacher.
 - Parent Teacher Organization meetings are held throughout the school year to provide parents information regarding academics and extracurricular activities. PTO dates and times are communicated to parents a month in advance. Parents can also contact school administrators with any questions or concerns at 770-504-2310. Caressa Gordon, Principal, Dashia Josey, Assistant Principal, Carole Lunsford, Assistant Principal, Christopher Stoudmire, Assistant Principal, Kendra Jenkins, Instructional Coach
5. Provide Parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities as follows:
 - Parents are encouraged to join the school's PTO.
 - Parents are encouraged to volunteer at Henderson Middle School.
 - If a parent would like to volunteer at Henderson Middle School, please contact the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, LaKeshia Grooms, at 770-504-2310.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- Encourage daily school attendance.
- Encourage my child to read at home.
- Provide a home environment that encourages my child to learn.
- Work with my child to see that all homework assignments are completed.
- Communicate regularly with my child's teacher.
- Talk with my child about his/her school activities every day.
- Will monitor student progress regularly.
- Utilize infinite campus regularly.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students will:

- Follow Henderson Middle School's expectations



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- Set academic goals for the year.
- Read daily at home and at school.
- Put forth my best effort in my classes.
- Come to school with my homework and supplies.
- Ask for help when needed.
- Communicate with parents and teachers.
- Believe in themselves and in their learning abilities.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Henderson 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:

An example of communication between teacher-parent could include two or more of the following:

- *Parent Portal (Infinite Campus)*
- *Teacher Class websites, Henderson Middle School Websites, Facebook*
- *Parent-Teacher conferences*
- *Weekly updated grades in infinite campus*
- *Emails to parents on student's progress*
- *Text messaging/remind101*
- *Phone calls*
- *Other*

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Henderson Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

(Describe/List the opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in school activities to build partnerships that will support student learning)

Partnership examples could include two or more of the following:

- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)*
- *Parent Workshops*
- *Curriculum Nights*
- *Parent Resource Center*



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- *Volunteering / Observing*
- *Open House*
- *Online/virtual activities (webinars, online chats)*