



Stark Elementary School

School- Parent COMPACT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The parents, students, and staff of Stark Elementary School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held at the end of each school year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. 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.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the goals of both the district and Stark Elementary for student academic achievement:

BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS GOALS:

The BCSS will install an effective comprehensive and coherent instructional system that is operationally effective throughout the district in order to ensure that all students maximize their potential in academic achievement and success.

STARK ELEMENTARY GOALS:

- * Academic achievement and growth of at least 50% of students and subgroups will improve to meet or exceed state averages, as evidenced by EOG data.
- * Academic rigor and quality of instruction will increase in all content areas for all students, as measured by benchmark tests, Lexile levels, and Write Score data.

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

Stark Elementary School will:

- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet Georgia's student academic achievement standards by including open-ended questions on benchmark assessments, developing common rubrics for assessment of performance tasks in reading and math, providing quality take home instructional activities, communicating regularly with parents on their child's progress, and providing resources for additional academic support if requested.
- Hold parent-teacher conferences twice annually during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
- Provide parents with frequent reports on the child's progress by sending folders home every Thursday with updates on student progress and other classroom activities, sending progress reports home every 4.5 weeks and sending report cards home every 9 weeks.
- Provide reasonable access to the staff by having all non-teaching employees reachable by phone M-F from 7:30am – 3:00pm at 770 775 9470, emailing the teaching staff (expected to check it each day), and accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal online to see their child's grades and attendance.
- Provide parents the opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class and to observe classroom activities by scheduling a classroom visit, applying to be a student mentor, assisting a teacher/grade level, attending parent activities to help parents become more effective in helping children with school attending PTO meetings (4 per year) designed to help parents learn more about Stark Elementary, assisting in the Media Center and/or participating as a guest reader.

We, as parents, will:

- Read and re-read with our children
- Take them to the local library more often
- Encourage writing at home
- Practice letters and sounds
- Set aside more time to read at home
- Practice sight words every night
- Get a tutor
- Reinforce at home what is learned at school
- Use flash cards
- Review vocabulary
- Check to make sure they are understanding what's being read
- Help them to understand the meaning of unknown words
- Assist with studying everyday
- Work harder with my child
- Motivate my child
- Sound out unknown words
- Correct incorrect pronunciation

We, the students, will:

- Have my parents check my homework before giving it to my teacher.
- Ensure my name is on my paper.
- Set and reach my goals by using my best skills and working to improve my weakest skills.
- Ask my teacher or another adult in the classroom if I need help with my schoolwork.
- Tell an adult if I am having any kind of trouble with academics, other students, personal issues, etc...
- Have good behavior to ensure all students are able to learn.
- Practice good hygiene, dress code, getting adequate rest and eating well.
- Be respectful to all students and staff.

Stark 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:

- Student Agenda
- Weekly Communication Folders (sent home on Thursdays)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Telephone System (aka 'robocall')
- Email
- Curriculum Night
- Website
- School Council
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Guidance Counselor/Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator
- Social Media

Stark Elementary School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families. Some of the ways you can expect to be offered are:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parent Workshops
- Curriculum Night
- Parent Resource Center
- Volunteering / Observing
- Open House