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**FAMILY/SCHOOL
COMPACT
FOR ACHIEVEMENT
School Year 2016-2017**

✦✦✦ **8th Grade Focus
for Learning**

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**Lakeview Middle
School**

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Building Partnerships

In order to develop a partnership between parents, students, and Lakeview Middle School, we offer several workshops that are interesting to and requested by parents:

- Math Night
- Language Arts Night
- Georgia Milestones Workshop for Parents

Detailed information will be sent home prior to the date of the event.

Communication about Student Learning

Lakeview Middle School is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- * Report cards
- * Parent Portal updates
- * Progress reports
- * Parent-teacher conferences (parents or teachers may request.)
- * Emails, Phone Calls, and Text Alerts



Parent Teacher Communication

LMS wants to stay in touch with you!

If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher by phone (706-866-1040) or e-mail. E-mail addresses are on the school web site at: <http://lms.catoosa.k12.ga.us/>

Come get involved at LMS!
Stop by the Family Resource
Center or contact Zina Ledford
at
zledford.lms@catoosa.k12.ga.us
or 706-866-1040.
Volunteer opportunities are
waiting for you.!

Feel free to request parent/teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress.

Jointly Developed

The parents and staff of Lakeview Middle School developed this **Family-School Compact for Achievement**.

Parents created the suggestions for home activities to support learning. School-wide meetings are held each year to update this Compact.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

For more information on the 8th Grade Compact, please contact Assistant Principal Jeff Chastain at 706-866-1040.

What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School 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 students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- Begin** with standards,
- Focus** on student learning,
- Respond** to school data,
- Define** everyone's responsibilities in and out of the classroom.
- Depend** on us to believe in it and use it!



When teachers, students and families work together, we CAN achieve our goal:

**GRADUATION
NATION**



Student Growth Percentile—Describes the amount of growth students demonstrate relative to academically similar students.

GOALS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

District Goals:

- To improve the percentage of students scoring proficient (levels 3 and 4) in grades 3 through 8.
- To improve the percentage of students graduating from high school.

School Goals:

- To improve the Schoowide Student Growth Percentile in Reading / Language Arts by 5%.
- To improve the Schoolwide Student Growth Percentile in Math by 5%.

LMS 8th Grade Students

LMS students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in all academic areas.

Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Pay attention and participate in class—focus!
- Study and do my homework.
- Be on time and prepared for class.
- Ask questions—help.
- Communicate with my parents and teachers.

Parents, students and teachers work together for success!

In 8th Grade Classrooms

The 8th grade teams will work with students and their families to support students' success in all content areas. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Utilize Remind 101 messaging technology to keep guardians informed of specific class events, as well as general reminders to study topics with their students, check homework, etc.
- Involve guardians in class activities through Google Classroom's "Invite Guardian" feature. This will allow them to see student work, graded assignments, and current assignments.
- Participate in Literacy Night, Math Night, and Georgia Milestone Night to enhance the link between home and school.

At Home

LMS parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in language arts and math. Families may have other ideas to add to this list.

- Stay in contact with my child's teachers through conferences, emails, notes, phone calls, etc.
- Help my child with organization by checking backpack/agenda/notebooks daily.
- Try to attend parents meetings at LMS including Math, Literacy, and Georgia Milestone Nights.
- Have fun with math and talk about it as we go about our lives.
- Read together and discuss the book with my child.