

What is a School Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, school staff and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The Beulah Elementary School Parent Compact:

- Is linked to the goals on the school improvement plan
- Focuses on student learning skills
- Describes how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Shares strategies parents can use at home
- Explains how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describes opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

How is the School Parent Compact Developed?

Beulah Elementary School parents, students, staff, and teachers contributed to the development of this Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them. Meetings are held throughout the year to review the Compact and make changes based on input received. Parents can contribute ideas at any time using our Comment Cards (housed in the Parent Resource Center or in the main office). For more information about the Compact or about submitting input, please contact Kanasha Howard, Instructional Lead Teacher at (770) 651-3338.

Building Partnerships

Beulah Elementary School provides many opportunities that parents can utilize to help their children succeed. The **Parent Resource Center** (PRC) offers a variety of resources such as educational games, books, workbooks and other materials. Parents may use materials in the center, or they may take advantage of the lending library which is available at the center. The lending library provides parents with an opportunity to check-out resources for home use. There are also parent workshops and meetings scheduled throughout the year. Buzzette and the Parent Post are two newsletters that are sent home that include more information on family engagement activities at our school.

Communication about Student Learning

Beulah 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 include the following:

- First grade teachers will utilize Tuesday Folders/Binder as a daily communication tool.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice per school year.
- Progress reports and report cards will be issued quarterly.
- Updates will be posted on the school and district websites.
- ParentLink and NotifyMe are also used.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2017-2018

First Grade Focus For Student Success



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Our Goals for Student Achievement

Douglas County School System Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase by five percentage points.

Beulah Elementary School Goals

Beulah Elementary School will increase its 2017 CCRPI score by 2% points.

Focus Areas for First Grade

- Build fluency in counting and math facts
- Use sight words and technology to improve reading skills

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. We do request that you schedule these visits with the teacher at least one day ahead of time to make certain there are no conflicts with testing or other events. Parents have the opportunity to call, send notes, or emails to request to volunteer or observe in the classroom.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

IN OUR FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM

The first grade teachers will work with students and their families to support student success in reading and math. We will work with students and families in the following ways:

- ◆ Share with parents the use of educational websites to reinforce their child's reading and math fluency skills. (MyOn, Accelerated Reader, iLearn, Starfall, Spelling City, Spanish sites and XtraMath)
- ◆ Send home a sight word list for at-home review (600+ words for 1st grade).
- ◆ Teach counting to 120 and addition and subtraction fluency through 20. Solve word problems.
- ◆ Provide Parent Workshops, and Academic Nights focused on Common Core.

AT HOME

Beulah Elementary 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 educational websites provided by the teacher to review and develop mastery of objectives.
- ◆ Review sight words and spelling words with my child every day and read to my child and/or encourage my child to read everyday for 20 minutes.
- ◆ Supervise math homework and use everyday activities at home to practice counting and basic math facts with my child.
- Attend parent workshops, academic nights, and visit the Parent Resource Center.

BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Beulah Elementary School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in reading and math. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- ◆ Complete homework (it is practice for what was taught in class)
- ◆ Read for a minimum of 15 minutes every day and practice sight words.
- ◆ Practice counting to 120 and math facts
- ◆ Use websites at home, if available (MyOn, Starfall, ABC Mouse, Odyssey, Starfall,)

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

It is our goal to provide reasonable access to school staff. All teachers have a direct-line phone number and an email address. Access both the phone number and email address on our school website <http://beulah.dce.schoolinsites.com/> Please call the school at (770) 651-3300 for more information.