

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 Bright Star 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?

The parents, students, staff, and teachers of Bright Star Elementary School 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 the Parent Outreach Facilitator, Tenia Boone, at Bright Star Elementary School at (770) 651-3470.

Building Partnerships

Bright Star 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 to check-out resources for home use. There are also parent workshops and meetings scheduled throughout the year that include topics such as Number Sense November, Suessical Reading, and STEAMing in the Right Direction. The Comet and the Parent Post are two newsletters that are sent home to provide more information on family engagement activities at our school.

Communication about Student Learning

Bright Star 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:

- Kindergarten teachers will utilize folders as a daily communication tool.
- The Comet Connection will be sent home weekly.
- 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.
- Remind, ClassDojo, ParentLink and NotifyMe are also used.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2017-2018

Fourth 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.



Bright Star Elementary School Goals

Based upon the data from 2016-2017, the following goals have been set for the students at Bright Star:

- ◆ 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. To prepare students for the Milestones, Fourth Grade teachers will focus on ensuring that these students are:
 - ◇ reading 120-140 words per minute fluently.
 - ◇ able to increase their Lexile by 10% based on MyOn placement assessment.
 - ◇ able to use textual evidence to support claims.
- ◆ The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by five percentage points. To prepare students for the Milestones, Fourth Grade teachers will focus on ensuring that these students:
 - ◇ are fluent with their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.
 - ◇ are capable of performing multi-steps word problems with ease and accuracy.



Building Partnerships

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in his or her child's classroom. We do request that you schedule these visits with the teacher at least one day ahead by calling or making a written request to volunteer or observe in the classroom.



TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS



In Our Fourth Grade Classroom

The fourth 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:

- By providing parents with content based reading fluency passages weekly
- By providing parents with sentence starter bookmarks.
- By providing parents with MyOn logins for at home use.
- By providing parents with comprehension activities for their child to practice based on Lexile levels.
- By providing parents with problem solving strategies to help increase the ability for students to solve word problems

At Home

Bright Star 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:

- To practice reading the content based fluency passages each night for one minute with my child.
- To ensure that my child is using his or her evidence starters during the nightly readings.
- To ensure that my child is using MyOn at home, if possible.
- To read and review the comprehension activities to ensure accuracy and completion.
- To check and monitor usage of the problem solving strategies when my child is solving word problems.

Bright Star Elementary School Students

Bright Star 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 by:

- Practicing my reading fluency passages each night for one minute with a family member.
- Providing evidence to support my claims and thinking when reading.
- Reading books on MyOn at home or at school daily.
- Practicing demonstrating understanding when completing my reading comprehension activities.
- Using various problem strategies when solving word problems.



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://brightstar.dce.schoolinsites.com/> Please call the school at (770) 651-3400 for more information.