

School-Parent Compact for Achievement 2017-2018

6th-8th Grade Focus for Student Success



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ASHWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TITLE I PROGRAM

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Have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher at 706/625-9545. Email addresses are on the school website.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, teachers, principals and students will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade-level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- ✓ Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- ✓ Focus on student learning skills
- ✓ Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- ✓ Share strategies parents can use at home
- ✓ Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- ✓ Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff at Ashworth Middle School worked together and shared ideas to develop the School-Parent Compact. Teachers met with their subject area teams to design practical strategies for parents to use at home. Parents were asked to provide their feedback. Students completed comment cards to add ideas for the compact. Meetings are held each year to review and revise the compact based on the school's academic achievement goals and students' needs. Parents were provided opportunities to learn more about the compact through an online School-Parent Compact Training Module and an online feedback form.

Volunteers Welcome! If you would like to volunteer, participate, and/or observe in the classroom, please contact our Family Engagement Specialist, Sherri Hill, at 706/879-5242 or email her at shill@gcbe.org.

Activities to Build Partnerships

- Warrior Welcome
- Volunteer Training and Orientation
- Annual Title I Meeting
- Open House
- Student of the Month Breakfast
- Math and Literacy Parent Nights
- Aspire Parent Trainings
- Honors Programs
- PTO Meetings
- Assessment Trainings for Parents and Students



COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT TO US!

Ashworth Middle School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about the student's learning. Some of the ways we will communicate with you are:

- Student Led Parent Conferences, during which the School-Parent Compact will be discussed
- Progress Reports sent home each 4-1/2 weeks
- Grades and attendance updated regularly on the Parent Portal
- School-wide newsletters
- Updated school website
- Parent meetings which can be scheduled during planning time, before or after school
- Voicemail, call-outs, email and text messages
- Spanish/English interpreter available
- AMS Social Media (Facebook and Instagram)

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Please sign and date this section, have your child sign and date this section, and return it to school.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Ashworth Middle School, students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire 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. Please review the attached School-Parent Compact.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have received, read, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return this signature form to your child's teacher and keep the School-Parent Compact as a reminder of your commitment. The School-Parent Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

Student Signature:

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ Date _____

Teacher Signature:

_____ Date _____

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

Gordon County School District Goals: All Gordon County Schools' students will increase academic achievement in Pre-K through 12th grade through the use of data-driven decision-making and instruction that ensures a rigorous, collaborative, engaging learning environment that is both safe and nurturing.

Ashworth Middle School's Goals:

- **Grades 6-8 ELA:** All students will increase their achievement in Reading/ELA on the **Georgia Milestones End of Grade Test** at the end of the 2018 school year by 3%.
- **Grades 6-8 Math:** All students will increase their achievement in Mathematics on the **Georgia Milestones End of Grade Test** at the end of the 2018 school year by 3%.

Focus Areas:

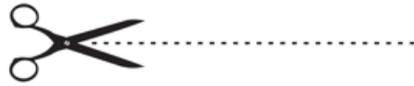
Ashworth's administrators and teachers have analyzed student performance data to decide on focus areas. Ashworth's focus areas are:

ELA Focus Area:

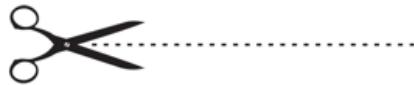
6th Grade – 8th Grade
Increase literacy skills across the content areas.

Math Focus Area:

6th Grade – 8th Grade
Increase math computation skills through the use of math strategies.



Plases sign and date and have your child sign and date the other side. Return this signature section to your child's teacher and keep the School-Parent Compact for reference.



Teacher Responsibilities

- Provide agendas for students and encourage them to write down assignments, due dates and upcoming events.
- Create notes, interactive notebooks, Parent Resource Guides, flash cards, etc. for students to use at home with their parents.
- Provide a class webpage with links to family-friendly educational websites for building vocabulary and math skills.
- Provide quarterly newsletters that offer learning tips and feature activities to increase math and ELA fluency.
- Provide each student access to Office 365 and Google Apps for Education to use on home computers and mobile devices.



Student Responsibilities

- Use my agenda to write down assignments, due dates and events and review them with my parents.
- Use my teachers' notes, interactive notebooks, Parent Resource Guides, flash cards, etc. at home with my parents.
- Access family-friendly learning websites through my teachers' website.
- Read a minimum of 30 minutes each night and practice math at least 20 minutes each night.
- Access student Office 365 and Google Apps for Education accounts for assignments and projects.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Review my child's agenda to keep up with assignments, due dates and upcoming events.
- Work at home with my child to review teachers' notes, interactive notebooks, Parent Resource Guides, flash cards, etc.
- Encourage my child to access learning websites through the teachers' website.
- Encourage my child to read and practice math every night.
- Review notes and study guides to aid in my child's learning.
- Check my child's progress through the Parent Portal.



In our Title I Parent Survey, the majority of parents surveyed said the best way for us to communicate with them about their child and school activities was through Remind 101 and emails. If you have not signed up for text messaging, phone calls, and emails, please visit our website, www.gcbe.org, and click on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal button to create an account.

A Ashworth Middle School is a Title I High-Progress Reward School. Title I provides federal funds to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state standards and assessments.

