



Hilliard A. Wilbanks Middle School
7th Grade
2017-2018
School-Parent-Student
COMPACT

Teacher _____

Parent _____

Student _____

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Hilliard Wilbanks Middle School, students participating in the Title 1, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement as well as describes how schools and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.



Areas of Emphasis

Our focus is to prepare all students for the new Georgia Milestones assessment system in all content areas by utilizing Literacy Standards

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand our district's and school's goals for academic achievement.

Habersham County Schools' Goals:

Our system believes that all students can and will be successful. In 2012, we developed the mission:



The district's goals include:

- All Habersham County Schools will demonstrate proficiency and/or improvement on the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI).
- Ensure and maintain safe schools.

Wilbanks Middle School's Goals:

We continue working on the district's goals while also focusing on several areas:

- Our school is a safe place for all students where we build relationships that foster trust and an enthusiasm to learn and increase academic achievement
- Our school will focus on opportunities to improve our students' College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI)
- Provide training in the use of Thinking Maps

To help meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together.



As the 7th grade team we will

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in order to achieve mastery of Literacy Standards in a supportive and effective learning environment
- Provide opportunities for students to connect new vocabulary and concepts to prior knowledge
- Teach students to determine key words in topics, questions, and concepts by understanding text structures and summarizing across academic content areas
- Provide a safe and caring environment throughout the school
- Expect all students to master the standards and provide additional help when needed
- Maintain communication with parents'/guardians concerning their child's progress via email, Remind 101, phone calls, parent conferences, family/school celebrations, and our school's agenda and website
- Return all calls and emails within 48 hours
- Foster relationships that encourage feedback and communication with parents and guardians

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As parents, guardians, and family members, we will...

- Attend PTSO meetings, family/school celebrations, conferences, and trainings
- Give feedback regarding school improvement & student achievement
- Monitor attendance
- Check homework

Parent _____

As students, we will...

- Use the school agenda daily
- Utilize new strategies for Literacy Standards
- Attend school daily
- Strengthen skills by connecting new vocabulary and concepts to prior knowledge
- Use strategies such as foldables, technology, and thinking maps to determine key words in topics, questions, and concepts by understanding text structures and summarizing across academic content areas

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff worked together and shared ideas to develop the school-parent compact. Teachers met with their grade level teams to design practical strategies for parents to use at home. Parents provided valuable feedback on their needs to help their students. Students were surveyed about what they needed to be successful during advisement. Meetings are held each year to review and revise the compact based on the school's academic achievement goals and students' needs.

Parents are welcome to provide feedback on the compact at anytime during the school year. All feedback will be collected and reviewed during the annual revision meeting with parents. Please call 706 894 1341 for more information.

Building Partnerships

Wilbanks Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to provide parents and students access to our staff-

- Fall Open House
 - Career Night
- International Night
- Parent-Teacher conferences
 - Teacher websites
 - Home Visits

To make an appointment with your child's teacher, email through PowerSchool or call 706 894 1341

Parental Involvement

- There are many opportunities at our school for parents to volunteer and play a role in their child's education. Please consider joining the faculty, staff, and your student for some of the events and programs.

Determining the content of our compact was based on student and parent data, input from teachers, the district, students, parents, and our community.

