

## *Our Goals for Student Achievement*

### **Houston County District Goals**

- Increase the value of the district College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) score by ensuring each Houston County provides high-quality instruction aligned with State Standards with a focus on literacy, standards-based instruction and Response to Intervention (RTI).
- Increase the percentage of parents who feel their child's school provides various opportunities for engagement.

### **Thomson Middle School Goals**

- Increase the number of students scoring proficient and distinguished on the Ga Milestone by 4%, in Math and English Language Arts.
- Decrease the number of students retained in all grades by 11% by May 2017.

### **8th Grade Supports These Goals by Focusing On:**

#### **Math:**

- Solve multi-step equations
- Computation of rational numbers to include decimals and fractions
- Functions and Systems

#### **Literacy/English Language Arts:**

- Reading Fluency and Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving Skills

## *Teachers, Parents, and Students Together for Success*

### **Thomson Middle School will...**

- Provide math homework assignments that will allow parent participation and feedback
- Provide training for websites that will support math instruction
- Provide study guides for each nine week exam in Math and English Language Arts
- Give parents a specific set of annotations to use as students read to promote literacy
- Provide a reading log to encourage students to read twenty minutes per night to promote reading comprehension
- Provide Infinite Campus and Office 365 Training
- Post Class Work and Assignments daily to "Padlet"

### **Students will...**

- Complete math homework to the best of my ability. I will then discuss the homework with my parent and have them initial that we have reviewed the assignment.
- Encourage my parent to attend the math content parent focused events
- Complete nine week exams study guides and have my parent initial that I have put forth my best effort
- Use schoolwide annotations in my reading
- Read twenty minutes each night and have parents verify by initialing Reading Log
- Use Infinite Campus to monitor grades.
- Access Daily "Padlet" Post for review and homework help

### **Families will...**

- Review students math homework and provide feedback to the teachers on problems that students were not able to solve
- Attend math content parent nights to gain an understanding of the websites that support math instruction
- Ensure that my child has completed nine weeks study guides to the best of their ability by initialing the study guide and providing any necessary feedback to the teacher
- Ensure that my child is using annotations as they read at home
- Sign Reading Log to verify that my child has read for twenty minutes each night
- Attend Infinite Campus and Office 365 Training
- Use Infinite Campus to monitor grades
- Review "Padlet" Post Daily



## ***School-Home Compact***

The compact outlines how parents, our school staff and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The compact also describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help students achieve the State's high academic goals.

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## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

We welcome and encourage parental involvement. Volunteers are required to have a background check on file and complete Thomson's Volunteer Training in order to participate in some areas.

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## ***Parent Resource Center***

Visit our Parent Resource Center for information and assistance:  
Homework, Insightful articles,  
School & Community event information,  
College and Career Readiness,  
Transitions, Parent Engagement  
Program and State and Federal Parent  
Involvement Resources.  
Computer w/internet available for your  
use.

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## ***Access to Staff***

Our school has an open door policy. Email, call, or stop in the office to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher.

## ***Communication about Student Learning***

- Daily Post on your child's Teachers "Padlet" site
  - Student Agendas
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences, Conferences can be scheduled throughout the year as you feel the need arises.
  - Grades and more can always be accessed using **Infinite Campus**
  - Progress Reports will be sent home on the following dates:  
9/14, 11/2, 2/22 & 4/12
  - Report Cards are sent home at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
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## ***Activities to Build Partnership***

Thomson Middle School will offer the following events and workshops to build parent capacity and promote parent engagement.

**August 25, 2016**

Title I Annual Parent Meeting

Academic Open House

**September 22, 2016**

Math & Language Arts Event

**October 20, 2016**

Parent Engagement Forum

**November 15, 2016**

Family Literacy Day

**December 5, 2016**

ELA Winter Wonderland

**January 18, 2017**

STEM Laser Event

**February 9, 2017**

Healthy Hearts ~ Happy Family, STEM

**March 16, 2017**

Shared Decision Making

# **Thomson Middle School**



## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# **School-Home Compact 2016-2017**

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