

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

Compacts are agreements between families and schools about the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Effect compacts:

- \* Focus on student learning skills
- \* Describe how teachers will help students while using high-quality instruction
- \* Share strategies parents can use at home
- \* Explain how parents and teachers will communicate about student progress
- \* Link goals to the school improvement plan

### Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff of Gladden Middle developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Meetings are held each year to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

**Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.**

If you would like to volunteer or participate in any way, please contact: Audre Allen @ [audre.allen@murray.k12.ga.us](mailto:audre.allen@murray.k12.ga.us) or call 706-695-7448.

## Gladden Middle School

A place where students are empowered to dream and achieve.

Our students are Goal-oriented, Motivated, and Successful.

### GMS Volunteers

We are thankful for our many parent volunteers and welcome new volunteers as well. Please see Mr. Brooker in the Learning Commons for an application to volunteer at GMS.

### Murray County Schools Mission

To instill within our students the desire to learn, to graduate from high school, and to become productive citizens.



## Welcome To Gladden Middle School



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Parent-School Compact  
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## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### Gladden Middle School Goals

Gladden teachers, parents and administrators study our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our goals are:

- \* GMS will increase student achievement measured by decreasing the percentage of students performing at Level 1 by 3% annually on GA Milestone in ELA and Math.
- \* GMS will increase rigorous instruction for all students as measured by increasing the percentage of students performing Level 3 and 4 on the GA Milestones by 3% annually.

### District Goals

- \* K-12 students will meet or exceed grade level reading goals each academic year.
- \* Decrease the percentage of students missing six days or more from 44% in 2016 to 40% by 2022.

### Strategies:

- \* Maintain a 95% or better on student daily attendance rate of students who miss six days or less of school.
- \* Expand 21st Century learning environments in all schools.
- \* Continue Commit to Graduate (C2G) Activities at all school levels.
- \* Increase student engagement through: differentiated activities, student use of technology and rigorous activities to include higher order questioning, text connections, vocabulary development and student tasks.
- \* 7th & 8th Graders will focus on mastering the Georgia Standards of Excellence for their grade level. ([www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org))

## Teachers, Parents and Students Together for Success

### GMS Teachers & Staff

GMS will work with students and their families to support students' success in all academic areas. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- \* Provide parents with resources assist in all academic areas.
- \* Provide information about technology resources including IXL, USA Test Prep, and Infinite Campus.
- \* Offer Open Houses in relation to the release of progress reports with specific concentration on academic needs.
- \* Provide rigorous instruction and support for mastering the GSE (Georgia Standards of Excellence).

### GMS Students

- \* Talk with family about new vocabulary words and what I am learning.
- \* Bring home information about Open House Nights
- \* Attend before and after school tutoring to assist in areas I am struggling with.
- \* Be responsible for my own behavior.

### At Home

Gladden parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in all academic areas.

- \* Have fun in learning. Use real life examples to relate to tasks.
- \* Try to attend Open Houses or get information from my child's teacher if we can't attend.
- \* Involve vocabulary words in family conversations.
- \* Check out the school website and sign up for school connect.

## Building Partnerships Parent / Teacher Nights

Join GMS faculty and staff on the following nights for information and tips on specific academic needs. Open House nights will be from 4:00-6:00pm and will have activities to help their students be successful.

October 3	Parent Teacher Night
January 22	Parent Teacher Night
March 14	Test Prep Night

- \* Help your child gain confidence and learn new ways to achieve academic goals.

**Detailed information will be sent home.**

**When teachers, students and families work together, we CAN achieve our goals!**

### Communication about Student Learning

Gladden Middle 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 are:

- \* School Way
- \* "Check-in" notes, postcards, or phone calls
- \* Updates on the school website and current grades on Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- \* Parent-Teacher conferences
- \* Remind—text message service for teams
- \* Email communication  
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