

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

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

### Effective Compacts:

- Focus on student achievement
- Describe how teachers will help students develop skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies that parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to become volunteers

## Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff of MCMS developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. 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.**

## Building Partnerships

### Parent Resource Center

Activities in our parent resource center, located at the Central Office, offers monthly activities to assist parents with learning about their child's achievement.

### Stakeholder Groups

- School Council
- Parent Engagement Advisory Panel

### Become A Volunteer

- [www.miller.k12.ga.us/Parents/Volunteer](http://www.miller.k12.ga.us/Parents/Volunteer) Registration

View the district website, Facebook@millercounty schools, and register for NotifyMe. A monthly schedule of family friendly activities focused on academics, improving attendance, and improving school/home communication

## Communication About Student Learning

MCMS is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning.

Methods include:

- Student daily folders
- Monthly check-in notes or phone calls
- Updates on the school website and current grades in PowerSchool/Parent Portal
- Class meetings on understanding student progress
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Notify Me Postings
- Parents Tab on system website: [www.miller.k12.ga.us](http://www.miller.k12.ga.us)
- School Websites

**Do you have questions about your child's progress?**  
Make an appointment through the school secretary @ 229.758.4131 or e-mail through school website/staff and teacher pages

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## Our Goals For Student Achievement

### District Goals

- Improve the district's ability to identify, collect, analyze, interpret, and report on student achievement data
- Identify factors that negatively affect graduation graduation rate between grades 3-12
- Improve attendance and discipline rate
- Improve Family & Community Engagement Efforts
- Improve achievement scores on statewide assessment with Math being a focus area

### School Goals

Decrease discipline incidents in the MCMS general population and sub-populations.

Limited resources and training in methods to teach and reward positive expectation and behaviors.

Lack of parent communication and cooperation to address behavior/ discipline problems before they become majors.

Decrease the overall number of discipline incidents for the year at MCMS

Improve attendance rates.

Attempts to correct this have included involving the SRO, making many phone calls home, wellness checks, utilizing counseling as a wrap-around services, documented phone calls from the principal, letters sent home from truancy officer, and incentives from police chief and grade level teams. Causes for attendance issues include parent apathy, student academic delays, limited understanding of the importance of school attendance and limited parent involvement/ engagement

Decrease absenteeism of students missing more than ten days in a year and five days in a semester.

Increase achievement and Lexile levels in ELA/Reading in the MCMS general population and sub-populations.

It was determined that there is a need to work with teachers/ students on additional training in writing, assisting with vocabulary development, vertical alignment with lower grades, acquire resources for writing such as "Writescore" and increase writing/ reading across the curriculum. Administrative staff also need to fine-tune professional learning needs for ELA/Reading. Vertical alignment is also needed with HS ELA teachers so our students are better prepared for success. Supplemental materials are needed to support this need such as computer applications, study guides, work books and book sets.

MCMS will show growth in ELA/Reading achievement and student growth in the general population and sub-populations in GMAS scores and formative assessments.

## Our Goals For Student Achievement

Increase achievement in Mathematics in the MCMS general population and sub-populations.

Many students have limited foundations in basic math skills which affect progress toward grade level math skills.

Math achievement in most grades and populations has made some improvement over the last few years, but still remains below state targets in many areas and sub-populations, especially in our SWD. The teachers and students need to continue to utilize supplemental math materials such as work books, computer applications/ technology and practice materials/ manipulatives with greater fidelity. In addition, more materials may need to be provided to students so that all will have access with more frequency.

Increase achievement and student growth in math on GMAS for grades sixth, seventh, and eighth grade.

## Working Together For Success

### What is Title I

Title I is a federal grant that assists students with that are the most at-risk not to make academic gains necessary to meet the state's challenging academic standards. MCMS eligible to be a Schoolwide Title I School. As such, all students receive the benefit of Title I Services.

### Annual Title I Meeting for Parents

Title I requires that MCMS have an annual meeting in order that parents have the opportunity to understand how Title I services are provided in the School. The meeting is announced through flyers, the school marquis, school and system website, and Notify Me.

### Family & Community Engagement

To ensure that parents have ongoing opportunities to be active participants in understanding about their student's achievement, parents are encouraged to:

- Watch for announcements for Parent Resource Center activities
- Become familiar with the school system's advertising process
- Engage in the system's efforts to build partnerships
- Become a stakeholder, be a representative for parents

## Working Together For Success

### At Home

- Ensure that students attend school regularly
- Stay informed of my student's education as well as communicate with the school
- Support the school in developing positive behaviors
- Attend requested parent-teacher conferences to monitor my student's progress
- Be aware of what my child is learning

### MCMS Students

- Understand school procedures and daily activities and share them with parents
- Access their learning beyond the classroom
- Use the school website
- Model appropriate behavior
- Actively participate in monitoring their achievement

### Our Commitment



**Mission Statement:** The Miller County Pirates exist to produce successful students that are prepared for career, life, post-secondary education, and to be responsible citizens.

**Vision Statement:** Miller County Pirates uphold the highest ethical standards and moral values and believe they can achieve excellence in their school and community.