

West Side Elementary School Family-School Compact for Achievement 2019-2020

Focus for Learning Fourth Grade

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What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- Begin with standards.
- Focus on student learning.
- Respond to school data.
- Define everyone's responsibilities.
- Depend on us to believe it and use it!

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Goals for Student Learning

District Goals:

- To improve the percentage of students scoring proficient (levels 3, 4) in grades 3 through 8.
- To improve the percentage of students graduating from high school

S.M.A.R.T Goals:

- By April 2020, 42% of our students will score at the Proficient or Distinguished Learner levels on Georgia Milestones - ELA
- By April 2020, 49% of our students will score at the Proficient or Distinguished Learner levels on Georgia Milestones - Math.

Areas of Emphasis:

- In ELA our grade level will focus on the fluency and comprehension.
- In Math our grade level will focus on solving multistep word problems with whole numbers involving all 4 operations.

Fourth Grade Student Goals:

WSE students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed and reach for the stars in math and language arts. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Reading at least 20-30 minutes, 3-5 per week.
- Take time to write 5 days per week. Write about what you have read to connect reading and writing.
- Practice multiplication 5 days a week.
- Do our math review homework every week.

Fourth Grade Teacher Goals:

WSE teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in language arts and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Send home reading log where students will read 20 minutes, 3 times per week.
- Weekly homework involving all target areas in math.
- Communicate through Thursday folders, STAR reading/math reports, Class Dojo messaging.
- Provide links to family friendly websites for math review in numbers, operations and fractions.
- Send home spelling review for parent monitor student's progress.

Fourth Grade Parent Goals:

WSE parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in language arts and math.

- Set aside a quiet place for my child to do homework and make sure my child completes their homework.
- Read together and discuss books at home daily.
- Stay in touch with my child's teacher through conferences, emails, notes and phone calls, etc., regarding ELA and math.

Communication about Student Learning

WSE is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- Report Cards
- Parent Portal
- Class DOJO
- Newsletters
- Progress Reports
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Weekly Folders

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Parents can contact their child's teacher by phone (706-866-9211) or email. Email addresses are on the school website at: <http://wse.catoosa.k12.ga.us>

Jointly Developed

The parents and staff of West Side Elementary School developed this Family-School Compact for Student Achievement. Parents creating the suggestions for home activities to support learning. School-wide meetings are held each year to update this Compact. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time. For more information on the Fourth Grade compact, please contact Robert Mountjoy @ 706-866-9211.

Fourth Grade Mission Statement:

"We, the 4th grade family, choose to be RESPECTFUL, HELPFUL, and RESPONSIBLE LEADERS. We will come to school each day focused and ready to learn. WE promise to work together as a team."

Coming Soon

- Annual Title I Meeting – September 5th @ 6:00 PM
- Parent Orientation – September 5th @ 6:30 PM
- Fall Parent Advisory Council Meeting – September 17th @ 8:00 AM
- Volunteer Orientation – September 17th @ 8:30 AM
- Parent – Teacher Conferences – October 24th @ 6:00 PM
- Breakfast with Dads – December 5th @ 7:00 AM
- Title I Self Esteem Workshop – December 5th @ 8:00 AM
- Student Led Conferences – January 23rd @ 6:00 PM
- Spring Parent Advisory Council Meeting – April 15th @ 12:00 PM
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – April 17th @ 12:30 PM
- Breakfast with Moms – May 8th @ 7:00 AM
- Kindergarten Transition Workshop – May 8th @ 8:00 AM
- Middle School Transition Workshop – Date & Time - TBD

Watch for details!

Did you know parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement?

Volunteering at your child's school is a great way to get involved! Please contact our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Jenifer Adkins at (706)866-9211 or by email at jadkins.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us

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"From Here to Career"