

# West Side Elementary School

## Family-School Compact for Achievement

### 2020-2021

## Focus for Learning Fifth 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, 45% of our students will score at the Proficient or Distinguished Learner levels on Georgia Milestones - ELA.
- By April 2020, 42% of our students will score at the Proficient or Distinguished Learner levels on Georgia Milestones - Math.
- By April 2020, 33% of our students will score at the Proficient or Distinguished Learner levels on Georgia Milestones - Social Studies.
- By April 2020, 44% of our students will score at the Proficient or Distinguished Learner levels on Georgia Milestones - Science.

#### Areas of Emphasis:

- In ELA our grade level will focus on reading fluency and comprehension, as well as informational, narrative, persuasive, and opinion writing.
- In Math our grade level will focus on math fact fluency, multistep word problems, and all areas of fractions.

#### Fifth 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:

- Read at grade level or higher for 20 minutes per day to get a 3 on GA Milestones
- Study math and reading on iRead and Lexia every day.
- Level up on Lexia.

#### Fifth 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:

- Provide bi-weekly newsletters to parents containing vocabulary words and activities to practice understanding words. Reading logs to encourage independent reading. Daily writing in class to support growth in the writing process.
- Multiplication and division fact practice 3-4 nights per week. Written step by step instruction on math standards, so parents can help students at home.
- Send home math and ELA benchmark reports and provide resources to assist in learning fact fluency.

#### Fifth 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 Fifth Grade Compact, please contact Robert Mountjoy @ 706-866-9211.

## Fifth Grade Mission Statement:

"We are here to learn. We promise to respect others, never give up, use the 7 Habits, and make smart choices. Our goal is to be good leaders and to never stop learning."

### 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, Stephanie Bower at (706)866-9211 or by email at [sbower.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:sbower.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us)