

West Side Elementary School

Family-School Compact for Achievement

2021-2022

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 2022, 42% of our students will score at the Proficient or Distinguished Learner levels on Georgia Milestones - ELA.
- By April 2022, 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:

- Read for 20 minutes every night with my family.
- Tell my parents what I learned each day after school.
- Ask my teachers and family for help when I do not understand what I am learning in reading or math.

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:

- Include current standards for ELA on our monthly newsletter. We will help students set Accelerated Reader goals and provide reading logs for students to document their reading each night. We will also provide sight words lists as needed.
- Include current math standards in the monthly newsletter. Xtra math can be used at home for fact fluency. IXL can be used at home to support current math goals.

Fourth Grade Parent Goals:

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

- I will read the class newsletter so that I am informed of what will be taught and will give me the ability to help my child learn at home.
- I will read at home with my child and practice reading skills such as learning site words, vocabulary words, fluency, and reasoning.
- I will practice math facts with my child.

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
- Compacts will be discussed during POWWOW meetings

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."

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, Heather Bradford at (706)866-9211 or by email at hbradford.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us