

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent 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 of our students reach grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- ⇒ Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- ⇒ Focus on student learning skills
- ⇒ Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- ⇒ Share strategies parents can use at home
- ⇒ Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- ⇒ Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Wacona Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggest 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.

If you would like to volunteer, participate, and/or help at the school, please contact Michele Yaun at myaun@ware.k12.ga.us or 912-287-2362

Building Partnerships

- ⇒ Join us for our **Reading/Social Studies Lunch and Learn** and eat lunch with your child, then go to the classrooms to observe lessons and receive reading resources to help your child at home. Sept. 8th, 2016, 1:00–1:30.
- ⇒ **PTO and Curriculum Night**—Sept. 20
- ⇒ **Family Reading Night**—Oct. 4th, 5:00–7:00pm Come and read with your child and observe them taking their Accelerated Reader test, receive a bag of books, and get great tips on reading with your child at home.
- ⇒ **Strategies for Improving Math and Reading** workshop, Nov. 17th Come learn some strategies for helping your child improve their reading and math skills.
- ⇒ **Georgia Milestones Assessment** information workshop, Dec. 13, 7:30am or 12:30pm. We will discuss how you can help your child prepare at home.

Communication about Student Learning

Wacona Elementary 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:

- ⇒ Daily homework folders/agendas, updates on the school website, current grades on Parent Portal, emails, phone calls, Remind, texts, and Parent-Teacher conferences as requested by the parent or teacher at any time during the school year.

Wacona Elementary School

Third—Fifth Grade School-Parent-Student Compact 2016-2017



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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals

The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goals for 2016-17 are:

- ⇒ Develop and implement the 2020 Vision, and innovative, rigorous, and relevant learning environment that challenges all students to attain high academic growth.
- ⇒ Recruit, retain, and develop highly skilled personnel to serve the needs of each child in the Ware County School System
- ⇒ Strengthen school, family, and community partnerships.

School Goals

Wacona Elementary School will increase the percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner and above as measured by the GMAS Mathematics, ELA, and Social Studies End of Grade Assessment.

Third Grade Focus Skills:

Reading: Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

Fourth Grade Focus Skills:

Reading: Read for comprehension to be able to cite evidence from the text during writing.

Fifth Grade Focus Skills:

Reading: Increase vocabulary & students should be able to identify story elements and include them in their writing.

Teachers, Parents, Students—Together for Success

In Third—Fifth Grade Classrooms

The Third—Fifth Grade teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- ⇒ Provide parents with reading materials to use at home that will improve reading fluency and comprehension.
- ⇒ Our monthly school newsletters and school website will feature family friendly websites and apps for building reading, skills.
- ⇒ Provide parents with activities that support math and social studies.

At Home

Wacona School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading, math, and social studies. Families may have other ideas to add to this list.

- ⇒ Have fun with reading by using resources and activities provided by the teacher to practice these skills at home.
- ⇒ Attend Family Reading Night and workshops to get information from my child's teacher.
- ⇒ Look for school newsletter each month to check out the family friendly websites and apps to use for reading, math, and social studies skills.

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone at 287-2362 or email. Email addresses are on the school website under the Parent Tab at www.wacona.com

Wacona Students

Wacona School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school in reading, math, and social studies. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- ⇒ Talk with my family about what I am learning in reading, math, and social studies
- ⇒ Bring home the school newsletters and notices about Family Reading Night and Parent Workshops.
- ⇒ Share websites and apps I use to practice reading, math, and social studies skills.