

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 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.

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

Building Partnerships

- ⇒ Join us for our **Reading Lunch & Learn** and eat lunch with your child, then go to classrooms to observe lessons and receive reading resources to help your child at home. Kindergarten—Sept. 7, First Grade—Sept. 27
- ⇒ **PTO and Curriculum Night**—Sept. 20
- ⇒ **Family Reading Night**—Oct. 4, Come 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**, Nov. 17, Come learn some strategies for helping your child improve their reading and math skills.

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, updates on the school website, current grades for first graders on the Parent Portal, emails, phone calls, Remind, texts, and Parent-Teacher conferences as requested by the parent or the teacher at any time during the school year

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone 287-2362 or email. Email addresses are on the school website under the Parent tab. www.wacona.com

Wacona Elementary School Kindergarten and 1st Grade

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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, an 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 or above as measured by the GMAS Mathematics End of Grade Assessment.

In Kindergarten and First Grade our school will focus on the following area:

- ⇒ K– Model simple addition and subtraction situations with sets of objects within 10 and eventually with equations
- ⇒ 1st– Develop an understanding of addition, subtraction, and strategies for addition and subtraction within 20.

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In Kindergarten and First Grade our school will focus on the following area:

- ⇒ Recognizing high frequency sight words with fluency

Teachers, Parents, Students—Together for Success

In Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Classrooms

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

- ⇒ Provide parents with sight word flashcards and fun ideas on how to use them at home
- ⇒ Offer free Parent Workshops throughout the year, concentrating on sight word and addition/subtraction strategies
- ⇒ Our monthly school newsletters and school website will feature family friendly websites for working on reading and math skills



Wacona Students

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

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

At Home

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

- ⇒ Have fun with reading. Use the sight word flashcards to practice reading at home
- ⇒ Try to attend Family Reading Night or get information from PTO or my child's teacher if we can't attend
- ⇒ Look for the school newsletter each month to check out the family friendly websites and apps to use for sight word practice and addition/subtraction skills



**When teachers, students, and families work together, we
CAN achieve our goals!**