



## WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop collaboratively. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. Effective Compacts

- ✓ Link to goals of the School Improvement Plan
- ✓ Focus on student learning skills
- ✓ Share strategies parents can use at home
- ✓ Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress



## HOW PARTNERSHIPS ARE BUILT

At Hill City Elementary we believe when our school and families work together, our students benefit. We do this by offering numerous opportunities for families to participate in workshops, activities, and family nights. Please check your Hill City Elementary School calendar and Facebook for dates and times. Reminders will also be sent home with students.



## JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Hill City Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement. Teachers suggested strategies parents could use at home, parents added ideas to make learning more practical, and students expressed how they learn best. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on students' needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

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## COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING

Hill City Elementary School is committed to two-way communication with families about their students' learning and progress. Some of the ways you can expect to hear from us are:

- Weekly newsletters and/or folders (K-5)
- Updates on school website and current grades in Infinite Campus
- Teacher web pages that include lesson plans
- Phone calls, email blasts, and notes home
- Attendance and academic information via Infinite Campus
- Progress reports and report cards



Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone (706) 253-1880 or by email. E-mail addresses are on the school website @ <http://hillcityele.pickens.k12.ga.us>.

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**GRADUATION AND LIFE PREPARATION FOR ALL!**

<b>2016-17 District Goals</b>	<b>2016-17 HCES Goals</b>	<b>Our Commitment to Parent Involvement</b>
<p>The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goal for 2016-2017 is to raise student achievement as reflected in a 3% increase in CCRPI scores.</p>	<p>HCES’s Improvement Team, teachers, and administrators have studied the data to decide the most important areas of improvement for our school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Math – To increase math proficiency by 5% over the next three years, our school will concentrate on the following areas:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers and operations in grades K-5</li> <li>• Fact Fluency K-5</li> <li>• Measurement and data analysis in grades 2-5</li> <li>• Implement Parent Academy K-5</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Reading – To increase ELA/Reading proficiency by 5% over the next three years, our school will concentrate on the following areas:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluency and word attack in grades K-5</li> <li>• Reading for information in grades 1-5</li> <li>• Phonemic awareness and phonics instruction in grades K-2</li> <li>• Implement Parent Academy K-5</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>HCES is committed to parent involvement and will do the following to help ensure the academic achievement of our students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome all families</li> <li>2. Communicate effectively</li> <li>3. Support students’ success</li> <li>4. Advocate for each child</li> <li>5. Partner with parents</li> <li>6. Collaborate with our community</li> </ol>

**PARENTS – STUDENTS – TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS**

**In the Classroom**

- The staff at HCES will work with students and their families to support students’ academic success on state assessments. Some of our key connections with families will be:
- Brochures to help parents in assisting their students in high-focus areas such as writing and math
  - Family-friendly web links on teacher pages assist parents in helping students with work at home
  - Student developed learning goals will be provided to the parents each nine weeks based on Georgia Standards of Excellence
  - Weekly newsletters with suggestions to parents will help increase achievement in math and writing
  - Provide Parent Academy nights to address strategies for student success in reading
  - Provide technology based resources and training to assist in reading at home

**At Home**

- HCES parents joined staff members to develop ideas about how families can support students’ success. Families may have other ideas to add to the list below:
- Try to attend family events with student(s)
  - Review homework with student(s);
  - Help ensure that student(s) read nightly at home
  - Use games and flashcards to help students learn
  - Participate in Parent Academy Curriculum nights for students in grades K-5
  - Try to engage your child in the technology resources provided, to support learning at home
  - Check teacher and school webpages regularly for website links to help with reaching educational goals and test-taking tips

**Hill City Elementary Students**

- HCES students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how students can succeed in school and reach for the stars on the Georgia Milestone Assessment. Students suggested the following ideas to strengthen connections between learning at home and school:
- Read nightly with parents
  - Go over homework with parents
  - Make sure to give parents adequate notice about family events at school
  - Work with their family on the strategies the parents learned during the curriculum nights