

What is a Family/Parent-School Compact?

A Family/Parent-School Compact 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. It provides strategies to help connect learning at school and at home.

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 Garden City Elementary developed this Family/Parent-School Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, an Annual Survey was conducted to gain parent feedback, and students told us what would help them learn. A Parent Forum is 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: Jennifer Garcia at Jennifer.Garcia@sccps.com 912-395-6820, or go to our school web site and click on **For Parents.**



Building Partnerships and Communication

Garden City Elementary School offers ongoing events and programs to provide parents and students with access to our staff and to promote communication between school and home –

- Open House
- Curriculum and Assessment Family Nights
- Parent Resource Center (Monday-Friday)
- Teachers will share reading and math assessment scores with parents after each testing window.
- The school encourages all parents to sign up for Parent Access: PowerSchool to stay up to date on their children's academic progress.
- Teachers are available to meet with parents before and after school. Please schedule an appointment with your child's teacher.
- Parents may call and leave a message for teachers during instructional time or email at any time. Visit the school's website for email information.
- Parent conference will be conducted during the year where the compact is shared/discussed with families.

Family Engagement

- Parents can schedule classroom observations.
- Parents are encouraged to speak with teachers regarding ways they can volunteer at school.
- Teachers will request family volunteerism in their classrooms as needed (classroom helper, reading buddy, library helper, etc.)
- Families will be encouraged to volunteer during school-wide events (Read Across America events, book fairs, PTA, etc.)
- Families will use the VISTA Volunteer Tracker by app-garden to register to volunteer.



3rd – 5th Grade Family/Parent-School Compact 2023-2024

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Academic Goals

GOAL 1: To Ensure all Students are College and Career Ready.

GOAL 2: To Provide a Supportive Learning Environment that is Conducive to Teaching and Learning.

GOAL 3: To Maximize Family and Community Engagement that Contributes to the Advancement of Student Success.

GOAL 4: To Build Professional Capacity in Order to Achieve a Premier Student-Focused Workforce

School Academic Goals

Increase reading and math achievement as measured by LEXILE and iReady.

K-2: Phonic Skills and sight word development

3-5: Vocabulary development and comprehension

K-5: Place value, estimation, numbers and operations

Communication about Student Learning

Garden City Elementary 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:

- Weekly homework folders
- Monthly "check-in" notes or phone calls
- Updates on the school web site and current grades in PowerSchool
- Parent-teacher conferences / Review Compact for Achievement

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone (912-395-6820) or e-mail. E-mail addresses are on the school web site at www.sccps.com.



At School, we will...

- provide parents and students with weekly reading skills practice. Teachers will supply a reading log that will be collected as a grade.
- provide math resources/information to promote student growth (flashcards to reinforce multiplication and division facts).



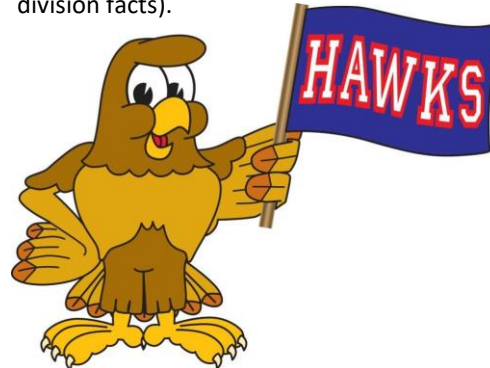
At home, parents will...

- monitor that their child is reading 20 minutes daily using materials provided by the teacher and sign a reading log provided by the teacher.
- ensure your child is using math resources/information provided by the teacher (flashcards to reinforce multiplication and division facts).



At home, students will...

- read 20 minutes daily using materials provided by my teacher and track what I read on my reading log.
- use math resources/information provided by the teacher to complete work at home (flashcards to reinforce multiplication and division facts).



Dates to Remember

Progress Reports Issued Dates

September 1
November 9
February 2
April 19

Report Cards Issued Dates

October 13
January 9
March 14
May 30

Benchmark Assessment Windows

August-September
December-January
April-May
GMAS – April

Garden City Elementary School Family Engagement Event Calendar 2023 - 2024

September – Title I Annual Parent Meeting
November – Family Feast
December – Family Math Night
February- Family Literacy Night
March – Kindergarten Orientation
April – Family Forum
May – Awards Day

***Event/Workshop dates may be subject to change.*

Additional events will be scheduled throughout the year.

Families will be notified of all events at least two weeks in advance.