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## **School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement**

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### **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 Pickens County Middle School we believe when our school and families work together, our students benefit. We do this by offering numerous opportunities for families to participate in open house, curriculum nights, workshops, activities, parent-teacher conferences, new family luncheon, fine arts performances and concerts, booster clubs, and family nights. Please check your Pickens County Middle School calendar for dates and times. Reminders will also be sent home with students, through Infinite Campus email and phone calls.

### **Jointly Developed**

The parents, students and staff of Pickens County Middle 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 also invited to complete a Parent Involvement Survey during the spring of each year. Ideas gathered from the meetings and surveys are used to develop this Compact and other Title I-A plans.

### **Communication about Student Learning**

Pickens County Middle School is committed to two-way communication with families about their students' learning and progress. The staff strives to provide communication, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand. Some of the ways you can expect to hear from us are:

- ◆ Routine newsletters
- ◆ Event information on school website
- ◆ Facebook
- ◆ Remind 101
- ◆ Twitter
- ◆ 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 706-253-1830 or by email. E-mail addresses are on the school website at <http://pickensmid.pickens.k12.ga.us>.

**2017-18 District Goals**

The district goals for 2017-2018 focus on improving student achievement in all core content areas (ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies) and supporting all levels of learners.

Goal 1: Increase student achievement as reflected on CCRPI by 3% of the gap each year from the baseline year per the Strategic Waiver.

Goal 2: Provide instructional strategies focused on mastery of content through professional learning opportunities designed to address all levels of learners.

**2017-18 PCMS Goals**

Increase the percentage of students scoring at levels 3 and 4 on the Georgia Milestones in all academic areas by 3%.

Increase proficiency in Social Studies:

- **Grades 6-8: government and economics**

Increase proficiency in Math:

- **Grades 6-8: number sense and numeric fluency**

### **Parents — Students — Teachers Working Together for Success**

**At School**

The staff at Pickens County Middle School will work with students and their families to support students' success on state assessments in all content areas. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Have a curriculum night to train parents on how to use IXL to support government, economics, number sense and number fluency.
- Share online resources which can be used at home to provide support for government, economics, number sense and number fluency.
- Provide hard copies of study guides or assignments for students without Internet access at home.

**At Home**

Pickens County Middle School parents provided ideas on how families can support student success. Some of these ideas are:

- Attend a curriculum night to learn how to use IXL to support government, economics, number sense and number fluency.
- Use online resources at home to provide support for government, economics, number sense and number fluency.
- Work with children using the hard copies of study guides or assignments provided for students without Internet access at home.

**Students**

Pickens County Middle School students provided the following ideas about how students can succeed in school and on state assessments. Some of these ideas are:

- Give parents flyers about curriculum night, online resources, and homework help.
- Use online resources to practice government, economics, number sense and number fluency.
- Use hard copies of study guides or assignments provided.