

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: Stacy Hale at Stacy.hale@sccpps.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 Lexile reading scores and MAP 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 anytime. 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 SCCPSS Volunteer Tracker by app-garden to register to volunteer.



Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Family/Parent-School Compact 2020-2021

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Academic Goals

STRATEGIC GOAL 1: TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

STRATEGIC GOAL 2: TO PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONDUCTIVE TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

STRATEGIC GOAL 3: TO MAXIMIZE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF STUDENT SUCCESS

STRATEGIC GOAL 4: TO BUILD PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A PREMIER, STUDENT-FOCUSED WORKFORCE

School Academic Goals

Improve early literacy and reading skills of kindergarten through 2nd grade students by 5% from BOY to EOY as measured by NWEA-MAP reading.

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.sccpss.com.

At School, we will...



- provide a list of Frye words to help with fluency.
- provide parents and students with weekly reading skills practice.
- provide math resources/information to promote student growth.

At home, parents will...



- practice Frye words with their child to help reinforce fluency.
- Monitor that their child is reading 20 minutes daily using material provided by the teacher.
- ensure your child is using math resources/information provided by the teacher.



At home, students will...

- practice Frye word list.
- read 20 minutes daily using materials provided by the teacher.
- use math resources/information provided by the teacher to complete work at home.



Dates to Remember



Progress Reports Issued Dates

September 9/4/2020
November 11/13/2020
February 2/5/2021
April 4/23/21

Report Cards Issued Dates

October 10/16/2020
January 1/8/2021
March 3/19/2021
May 5/28/2021

Benchmark Assessment Windows

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

Garden City Elementary School Family Engagement Event Calendar 2020-2021

September – Title I Annual Parent Meeting
October – Trunk or Treat
November – Family Feast
December – Family Math Night
Winter Concert
February- Bingo for Books
March – Kindergarten Orientation
Family Forum
May – Fine Arts Explosion at "The Garden"

***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.

