



2023-24 SCHOOL-PARENT AND FAMILY COMPACT



What is a School-Parent and Family Compact?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement developed jointly by parents, students and teachers that follows the federal guidelines as stated in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The compact explains how parents and teachers will collaborate to make sure all students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

Ben L. Smith High School

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COMMITMENT FROM OUR SCHOOL

We are committed to:

- Helping parents understand what children are learning and doing in their classrooms by:
Providing parents access to school activities & functions such as Open Houses, Curriculum Fairs, Teacher Canvas Pages, Parent Newsletters & Parent/Teacher Conferences, etc.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities by:
Providing parents access to Parent Open Houses, Parent Nights, PTA Meetings, Report Card Pick-Up Nights, FASFA Nights, Curriculum Nights, and active parent participation with our School's Leadership Team.
- Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication, so that parents are kept up-to-date on their child(ren)'s progress by:
Regularly scheduled ConnectEd Messages to families, Family Newsletters, Monthly PTA Meetings, Bi-Monthly School Leadership Team Meetings, etc.
- Providing regular tips on home learning with the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by:
Providing regular tips on home learning with the support of our school's Counseling Department, School's Administrative Team, Facilitators for our Exceptional Children's Dept, ESOL Dept, and CTE Dept
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by:
Ensuring that these documents are translated in Spanish and in Vietnamese as well as in any other dominant languages spoken in the homes of the students and families that attend Smith HS
- Providing parents the opportunity in developing and revising the school compact by:
Participating in our school's regularly scheduled School Leadership Team Meetings, PTA Meetings, Parent Nights and School Open Houses
- Building the capacity of school staff to support parent and family engagement by:
Participating in our school's regularly scheduled School Leadership Team Meetings, PTA Meetings, Parent Nights and School Open Houses
- Other:
We are here to support parent participation in learning activities by providing reasonable access to administration and staff through an "open door" policy.

COMMITMENT FROM PARENTS AND FAMILY

As parents and family members invested in the education of our children, we promise to:

- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at school by:
Being responsible for supporting our children's learning at school by monitoring attendance, volunteering in the student's classroom, staying informed and communicating with the school regularly.
- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by:
Providing a caring home environment, providing a place for quiet study and reading, and helping students meet their academic responsibility, and encouraging appropriate behavior.

COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

As students we promise to:

- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by:
Being responsible and take ownership of learning at school by showing respect to all adults, being on time to school and class daily, and completing all assignments to the best of my ability.
- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by:
Spending time daily studying and reading, providing parents with all notices and information received from school.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

We value our partnerships with all stakeholders and are proud of the many opportunities available for parents to be actively involved in the school and activities to support their child. This year, families will be invited to:

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| Senior Class of 2024 Orientation Days Aug. 2023 | Annual Spring Showcase and Festival of Learning (Date & Time - TBD) |
| Back to School Grade Level Open Houses | Adult ESOL Language Classes on selected Saturdays (Dates & Times - TBD) |
| Plan / Support Parent Academy - How to budget, Use PowerSchool to monitor student progress, etc. | Parent Academy Sessions on selected topics (Dates & Times - TBD) |
| Fall Parent Night and Spring Parent Title 1 Night (Dates & Times TBD) | Contact BLS Alumni for PTSA participation, Athletics support, donations and other contributions |
| Monthly School Improvement Team Meetings | Plan a Title 1 BLS Alumni Luncheon / Dinner Date-TBD |

MISSION STATEMENT

At Ben L. Smith High School, we address the individual needs of students; foster a caring and creative environment; and emphasize the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each student.