

The Academy at Smith

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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.

COMMITMENT FROM OUR SCHOOL

We are committed to:

- Helping parents understand what children are learning and doing in their classrooms by engaging them in conversations, meetings, surveys, and creating school-community partnerships that improve the overall school climate.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities by inviting parents to act as full partners in making classroom and school decisions that affect student outcomes.
- Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication, so that parents are kept up-to-date on their child(ren)'s progress by ensuring that all parents have regular access to clear, concise, and easily readable information about their children's school and classroom via email, connect-ed messages, newsletters, and social media outlets.
- Providing regular tips on home learning with the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by modeling positive and responsive adult-child interactions for parents to practice in the classroom and at home.
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by including alternative formats in a language that parents can understand.
- Providing parents, the opportunity in developing and revising the school compact by meeting at a convenient time while offering a flexible number of additional parental involvement opportunities, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible will be able to attend.
- Building the capacity of our school staff to support parent and family engagement by holding parent-teacher conferences and providing parents with frequent reports on their child's social, emotional, and academic needs.

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 monitoring our child's daily attendance and participate in decisions that impact my children's education.
- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by making sure homework is completed. And by making sure television, gaming, participating in extracurricular activities, and social media are monitored.

COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

As students who want a first-class education, we promise to:

- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by getting more involved in determining strategies that will help improve academic outcomes.
- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by reading and writing at least 30 minutes a day after 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:

- Parent and family opportunities to volunteer include SBLT membership, club organizations, parent teacher organizations, testing and other school related activities and events.
- Parent and family members can take part in and observe classroom activities by providing the principal with prior notice and the classroom they wish to visit.
- Parents should attend and participate in parent conferences to gain a better understanding of their child's academic progress, performance, achievement, and/or address concerns.
- Parents will receive reports on their child's progress after every 3-1/2 weeks (Progress Reports/Reports Cards).
- Parent will have reasonable access to staff and communication with teachers through parent-teacher conferences, news, letters, emails, Connect-ed messages, the Internet, and other social media platforms.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Academy at Smith is to build relationships with students, parents, and community members while providing all students with a program of study that is relevant and rigorous. We strive to establish a positive environment that prepares students for future careers, with an emphasis on biomedical technologies and specialized health science professions for the 21st century.