

## Sumner Elementary School

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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 sharing a calendar and posting on social media with all the school events that parents are invited to attend and creating an academic takeaway for each event.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities by providing learning activities that parents can actively participate at home and encouraging teachers to send home weekly folders with both completed work and upcoming work so that families have the opportunity to "pre-teach" material and actively participate in the learning process.
- Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication, so that parents are kept up-to-date on their child (ren)'s progress by hosting parent/teacher conferences and open communication throughout the school year from teachers (i.e., newsletters, class Dojo, phone calls, e-mail, text messages).
- Providing regular tips on home learning with the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by providing parents with the link to Guilford Parent Academy with specific attention to the free online resources and workshops. Engage in at least one event sponsored from the Guilford Parent Academy catalog.
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by being inclusive with documents in both English and Spanish form.
- Providing parents the opportunity in developing and revising the school compact by presenting families with opportunities to provide feedback, offer input and suggestions on school events and communications.
- Building the capacity of school staff to support parent and family engagement by ensuring that teachers communicate regularly with parents, encourage family efficacy, provide professional development for staff around family engagement and culture.

## 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 connecting and engaging in our child's academic success.
- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by being effective partners with the school and recognizing that the partnership is critical for increased achievement.

## COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

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

- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by setting and reaching academic goals and being accountable for their learning.
- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by completing assignments to be prepared for the next day of learning.

## 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 engagement activities for the 2021-2022 school year will include:

- Virtual Open House: August 2021: Families will have the opportunity to learn more about their child's classroom teacher and school expectations via Microsoft Teams.
- Lunch and Learn sessions are held monthly that include hands-on activities for families to support learning at home.
- Student of the month recognition: a monthly recognition of students from teachers that have shown growth or positive character.
- Annual Title I Curriculum Night: September 16, 2021: Families learn about Title I and our commitment to providing an effective teacher for their child.
- ESOL Night: October 2021: an event for families with English as a second language to learn about ways they can academically support their children.
- Seahawks Giving Night: November 2021: Families are invited to a night of fun and fellowship with their child's teacher. Winter Curriculum Night/Concert: December 2021
- Spring Curriculum Night/Concert: March 2022
- Talent Show: April 2022: Students showcase their hidden talents in a talent show.
- Community Night: April 2022: a fun-filled event where local organizations and businesses visit and share information about the resources they provide to the school community.
- Field Day: May 2022: Students participate in an annual field day with activities planned by our physical education teacher.
- End of Year Awards: June 2022: Parents are invited to celebrate their student's academic successes.
- Parents will be made aware of all school events and have the opportunity to volunteer.

## MISSION STATEMENT

At Sumner Elementary, we will empower families with individual opportunities and maximize student achievement by building relationships and engaging with families and community partners.