

Penn-Griffin School for the Arts

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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 communicating frequently with parents and families through newsletters, social media outlets, Canvas announcements, school conferences and by encouraging teacher and family engagement.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities by offering more activities at varied times, utilizing parent friendly language, and fostering a climate of inclusivity.
- Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication, so that parents are kept up-to-date on their child(ren)'s progress by regularly distributing interim reports, conducting student led conferences, utilizing connect ed. and remind 101, frequently updating teacher web pages, and utilizing social media outlets, Canvas announcements.
- Providing regular tips on home learning with the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by having one on one conferences, involving community resources, engaging peer tutoring, and ensuring that our website is more parent friendly.
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by providing information in multiple languages and avoiding the use of educational jargon and acronyms.
- Providing parents the opportunity in developing and revising the school compact by inviting parents to attend events, engaging parents in the leadership team process, and offering events at varying times of the day.
- Building the capacity of school staff to support parent and family engagement by offering professional development through Guilford Parent Academy and offering training on developing and sustaining positive school culture and climate.

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 sending them to school every day, ready to learn, and well rested.
- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by providing an adequate study environment and strategies that support student learning and by communicating with the school when we have questions or concerns.

COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

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

- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by being present, prepared and punctual while displaying perseverance, responsibility, integrity and honesty.
- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by completing homework or other assignments as required and ensuring that we get adequate sleep each school night.
- Be responsible for class requirements and materials distributed by teachers.

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:

- Our school will host an Open House in August 2021 for parents/guardians to meet and greet with teachers and staff. Our annual Title One meeting will occur on this evening at 6:30pm.
- In October we will host a Donuts Day event. We will have a short program for our parents/guardians to learn about the programs that we offer in our Math and ELA classes.
- In November we will host a take Your Parent/Guardian to School Day. This event will allow parents/guardians an opportunity to shadow their student for a day to learn more about the day to day operations and functions of the school.
- In January, our school will host a NC Works night to give parents an opportunity to learn about NC Works and the supports they provide to families regarding employment opportunities.
- Report Card Night will be held in March and will give families a chance to meet with teachers to discuss students' performance during the 3rd quarter and what steps they can take to finish the year strong.
- In May we will host a Muffins in May event where we will have a short program for our students to honor their parents/guardians and for our parents/guardians to learn more about our school and our Arts Curriculum.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Penn-Griffin School for the Arts learning community is committed to being a premiere 6-12 school for the arts by working together. We are constantly challenging our potential, nurturing responsibility, celebrating diversity, and modeling lifelong learning.