

Kiser Middle 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 holding to face-to-face and virtual conferences; issuing interim reports and report cards; providing curriculum explanations; and by using apps such as REMIND, Canvas and Microsoft Teams to communicate classroom expectations.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities by offering a variety of opportunities such as "Walk the Schedule Night" and a "Curriculum Fair"; and by recruiting parent volunteers for use in classrooms and other areas of the building.
- Providing regular teacher-parent communication, so parents are kept up-to-date on their children's progress. These methods may include but are not limited to calling/emailing home, holding face-to-face or virtual conferences, sending home interim reports and report cards, keeping PowerSchool grades current.
- Providing information on how to assist their student at home with the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by posting communication about their sessions on Facebook and the Kiser Website.
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by having communications translated into Spanish and if requested, into the parent's native language when possible.
- Providing parents the opportunity to develop and revise the school compact by holding meetings & sending out surveys. Formulation of a parent and community involvement committee that would be charged with developing a long-range family engagement plan and short-term goals.
- Offering professional development to school staff that help identify the areas of support to promote parent and family engagement.
- Using the NC Standards of Learning, to provide high quality curriculum, instruction, and when needed intervention.
- Collecting and analyzing data to monitor student progress and to drive instruction.
- Promoting a safe, healthy lifestyle and positive behavior.

COMMITMENT FROM PARENTS AND FAMILY

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

- Be supportive of our children's learning at school by encouraging our children to do their best; to be responsible; to be respectful; to be on time; to follow school rules and to support their classmates.
- Support our children's learning at home by checking their planners for assignments that are to be completed at home; to monitor virtual assignments and/or homework; to provide a quiet well-lit area for the student to complete assignments/homework/projects in a timely manner.
- Always to utilize resources provided by Kiser Middle School and the Guilford County School District to monitor, understand and provide feedback on my student's progress in a timely manner.

COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

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

- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by having high expectations for ourselves and to approach all task with a positive attitude. We will aim for excellence, complete assignments on time; take responsibility for learning by asking for help when needed; show respect for self, staff, teachers, visitors and other students; to follow school rules.
- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by logging into the appropriate application to determine what assignments we should be working on, completing the assignments in a time frame established with the teacher and showing respect for self and others by participating in virtual sessions with an attentive nature.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.

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:

- Open House
- Walk the Schedule Night
- PTA Meetings (live and/or virtual)
- Parent Teacher Conference (live and/or virtual) School Spirit Nights
- Kiser Tailgating Night
- Volunteer in the school and/or classroom; Become a peer mentoring
- Participate on the school leadership teams
- Attend Report Card and Progress Report Pick up Nights Concerts, performances and presentations
- Athletic event

MISSION STATEMENT

Kiser Middle School's mission is to provide a cohesive learning community in which all decisions are made in the best interest of its stakeholders. During their middle school years, students will demonstrate maximum academic, social and emotional growth in order to be 21st century leaders.