

## Simkins 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 conducting parent/teacher conferences twice a year along with student led conferences twice a year.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities by providing dinner and hands on resources.
- Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication, so that parents are kept up-to-date on their child (ren)'s progress by class DOJO, students planners, newsletters and connect ed messages.
- Providing regular tips on home learning with the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by announcing weekly connect ed messages and sending home in weekly communication to parents.
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by keeping it brief and informative.
- Providing parents the opportunity in developing and revising the school compact by seeking feedback from our parents on our School-Based Leadership Team (SBLT).
- Building the capacity of school staff to support parent and family engagement by planning parent nights that will connect the staff with the community.

### 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 meeting the needs of our children.
- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by reviewing my child's daily work, reading at least 20-30 minutes with our child each day and providing a positive influence towards their education.

## COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

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

- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by persevering and accepting challenges.
- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by practicing the skills that I have learned

## 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:

- Annual meeting. Simkins Elementary plans to conduct a parent meeting during the first quarter of the school year to share how our school uses the 2021-2022 Title I funds.
- Flexible meetings. We coordinate monthly parent meetings with a focus on certain grade levels each month. This provides opportunities for parents to come and find out more specific information regarding the NC Academic Standards and the curriculum that we use to help their child master grade level standards. If parents have more than one child at the school, this allows them to attend the monthly meetings that pertain to their children without having to divide their time.
- Involve parents in the development of the PFE plan and the Title I program. Simkins currently has 1 parent on our SBLT. This parent will give feedback as we develop our Title I plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The schedule for our monthly meetings is posted on our website.
- Allow for comments on plans. Collecting feedback for future Title I planning is ongoing.
- Conferences with the teacher, parent and child. Student led conferences are held in conjunction with parent/teacher conferences. We hope to have one in the fall and the other in the spring.
- A family literacy night is planned to be held in conjunction with our Spring Book Fair.
- A family math night will be planned. Parents will have the opportunity to experience the math standards that their child is learning and how math is being taught in the classroom.
- A family STEM night will take place in the Spring. Parents will have the opportunity to experience STEM activities that their child is engaged with on a weekly basis.
- The Simkins Elementary Black History Museum presentation night is where parents engage with all students to celebrate their grade level Black History Month research projects (February).

## MISSION STATEMENT

Simkins Elementary will foster an environment that is welcoming and that embraces diversity through respect and acceptance. All students will be empowered to achieve academically, socially, emotionally and physically with the support of staff who personalize education and strive to meet the unique needs of each student to promote life long learning.