

WHAT IS A SCHOOL - FAMILY COMPACT?

A School-Family Compact is a written agreement that outlines how the school, the student, and the family will work together to ensure your student's academic success.

An effective Compact contains the following elements:

- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
 - Specific skills students will learn during the year
 - Strategies that staff, families and students will use to improve student learning
 - Ways to extend learning at home
 - Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
 - Opportunities for parents/family members to observe and participate in the classroom
 - Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our Planning Meeting
 - Revised each year
 - Reviewed throughout the school year
- ◆ After initial dissemination, Compacts will be reviewed with families during Fall and Spring conferences.

OUR MISSION:

As partners, we the students, staff, parents, and community of Richards Middle School commit to provide a welcoming and superior learning environment that empowers and inspires all students to develop their potential for excellence in academics and success in life.

Our School Goals:

We will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

Richards Middle School students will demonstrate mastery in language arts :

- At least 50% (1117) of grades 6-8 students will score Proficient and/or Distinguished on the EOG GA Milestones
- A minimum of 15% (335) of students will score in the distinguished performance level
- Fifty percent (50%) of students will also perform at or above the proficiency performance level on the GCPS District Assessment semester post-tests, with 15% of students recognized as distinguished.

At Richards Middle School, our LSPI goal will target the skill of **citing textual evidence in writing** across all grades to include 6th , 7th, and 8th grade students.

Goals of Gwinnett County Public Schools:

Language Arts: All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

Math: Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency through a deep understanding of numeracy with the ability to compute with fluency, think critically, and communicate their mathematical reasoning effectively.

Science: Students will develop a strong content understanding in the earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Social Studies: Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.



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WORKING TOGETHER...

Richards Middle School will...

Host academic workshops for families to review curricular strategies being used in class and provide them with additional resources and materials they can use to assist their children with writing constructed responses

Provide families with instructional strategies during Parent Teacher conferences that can be used at home to improve student writing

Update school and teacher websites (eCLASS) regularly to ensure additional academic resources are available to parents/families to supplement student writing at home

Mark McCain 8/15/18
Principals' Signature Date



As students, we will...

Attend Literacy Nights to learn new strategies

Utilize MY eCLASS and other Web sites my teachers share with me to stay up to date with what I am learning in class and to find additional resources to complete math and language arts constructed responses

Work with parents to practice the concepts provided to parents during workshops and parent conferences



As families, we will...

- Attend academic nights and workshops so we can assist our children with academic concepts and writing skills at home
- Meet with teachers during early release conferences to discuss strategies to improve students' writing of constructed responses
- Visit the school Web site, My eCLASS, and other recommended Web sites with our students to use resources that provide assistance with learning at home



... TO ENSURE SUCCESS

LET'S TALK

Richards Middle School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning.



Below are ways we can foster effective communication:

Open House and Curriculum Night

Parent-Teacher Conferences 1st and 2nd Semester

Teacher Websites (MY eCLASS) and Parent Portal

Emails and Phone Conferences

Parent Resource Center

Progress reports

If you need a language interpreter or you would like to volunteer please contact Lizbeth Martinez at 770-338-4815.

To schedule an appointment with your child's teacher, visit their webpage on the Parent Portal, email them, or call (770) 995-7133.

Visit Our Parent Center!

We have learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to use at home .

Our parent liaison, **Lizbeth Martinez**, is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your student at home.

Our Parent Center is located on the front hallway near the main office in **Room #1.144** . The phone number is **770-338-4815**. The parent center hours are **M/W/F 8:30-12:30** and **Tu/Thur 8:30-4:30**.

Please contact Lizbeth Martinez

for additional information about our parent center and

resources available for check-out.

Liz_Martinez@Gwinnett.k12.ga.us



Richards Middle School offers many volunteer opportunities for our school family including: the media center, café, special events, mentoring, the parent center, and more. Please contact Lizbeth Martinez in the Parent Center if you are interested in serving in this way.

Activities to Build OUR Partnership

Annual Title I Parent Meeting 1- 8/28/18 at 6 p.m.

Annual Title I Parent meeting 2- 8/29/18 at 10 a.m.

School-wide Curriculum Night- 8/28/18 at 6:45 p.m.

Parent/teacher conferences- 10/24/18 and 10/25/18

Fall Orchestra Cluster Concert-Discovery H.S. 11/1/18

*Orchestra Concert-12/4/18 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*Chorus Concert-12/11/18 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Drama Performance-12/12/18 6:00 p.m.

*Band Concert-12/18/18 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences- 2/20/19 and 2/2/19

Parent Workshop 2/20/19 2:00-4:00 p.m.

School-wide Literacy Night 3/14/19 at 6 p.m.

5th Grade Entry Transition- 3/27/19 at 6 p.m.

*Spring Orchestra Concert-5/2/19 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*Spring Chorus Concert-5/7/19 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*Spring Band Concert-5/9/19 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Spring Drama Performance-5/15/19 6:00 p.m.

All performances are held in Richards Middle School's old gym unless otherwise noted.

Music department performances are split:

*6th grade concerts are held at 6:00

7th/8th grade concerts are held at 7:00 p.m.

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