

What is a Family-School Compact?

The Appling County Middle School compact offers ways which parents, teachers, students, and stakeholders work together to help our students succeed and connect learning at home and school.

- Shares strategies that staff, parents, and students can use.
- Focuses on learning expectations that promote higher level learning.
- Explains how parents and teachers can communicate about student progress.

Jointly Developed..

Appling County Middle School parents, teachers/staff, students, and stakeholders all worked together in creating this School/Family Engagement Compact. Students shared their academic needs/skills. Teachers provided learning strategies to use at home. Parents helped their children review skills and strategies to improve academic success. Meetings are held each year to review and revise the compact based on the school's academic goals and student needs.

- ◆ Parents are welcome to provide feedback anytime during the school year. Please call 367-8630 or visit our website, www.appling.k12.ga.us for more information.

Activities to Build Partnerships

ACMS promotes parent, student, and community supporters through academic events, such as:

- ✓ Open House
- ✓ Quality Learning Time Provided in Addition to the Regular Day, Such As Before & After School Tutoring and GA Milestones Reviews
- ✓ Curriculum Night and Family Fun Rallies
Geared To: Math, Reading, Writing, Science, Social Studies, GA Milestones Prep With Practice Websites, and Technology Resources
- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ✓ Discovery Place at ACMS Media Center Where Families Can Obtain Additional Academic Resources

Communication about Student Learning

Appling County Middle School provides information to parents and the community about their students.

Ways in which you can stay in touch with our school & your child's teachers:

- School / Teacher Web Sites/Blogs
- Student Planner
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal (to see your child's grades)
- E-mails, Letters, Notes, Phone Calls
- Newsletters
- After School Tutoring Program
- Remind 101
- ShoutPoint
- Social Media Accounts



... a system of excellence for all learners.

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VISION

We will be a school of excellence for all learners.

MISSION

As a school, we are committed to providing a quality education that promotes maximum individual achievement and social responsibility.

BELIEFS

As a school we believe that:

1. All individuals are valued and will be treated with dignity.
2. Quality education addresses individual needs and increases student achievement.
3. Effective teachers are the foundation of quality instruction.
4. High expectations, in an organized environment, are essential for optimal learning.
5. An emotionally and physically safe environment promotes learning.
6. A strong partnership among home, school, and community increases student achievement.
7. Well maintained facilities and equipment, and the use of appropriate technology, enhance the learning environment.
8. Modeling and teaching character values promote responsibility and citizenship.
9. Extracurricular activities promote school and community involvement and personal development.
10. A continuous process of improvement is based on research and best practices.
11. All students have the ability to learn and share responsibility for learning.
12. A variety of assessments will drive instructional decisions.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Appling County Schools District Goals

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Appling County School System is committed to providing a quality education that promotes maximum achievement and social responsibility. By 2022, Appling County will have achieved goals it has set for our students, staff, and community.

Goal 1: Student Achievement will be obtained by ensuring mastery of curriculum, effective leadership, and professional instruction.

→ Students will show an increase in students meeting or exceeding proficiency standards in English Language Arts over the next three years on Ga. Milestones Assessment.

→ Students will show an increase in students meeting or exceeding standards proficiency in Mathematics over the next three years on the Ga. Milestones Assessment.

Goal 2: Building strong positive relationships with students, families, staff, and community agencies is another way we will secure maximum individual achievement for all students. All schools will build a communication network between families and communities that fosters strong partnerships.

Appling County Middle Goals

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ACMS's most current achievement data and formal/informal assessments have been analyzed and goals have been set for the year.

- By 2022, ELA scores (for all grades) will show an increase on the Georgia Milestones Assessment, with a specific focus placed on writing/written expression.
- By 2022, Mathematics will show an increase on the Georgia Milestones Assessment, with a specific focus placed on Expressions & Equations (6th grade), Geometry (7th grade), and Systems of Equations (8th grade).

Teachers, Parents, Students—Together for Success

In the 6th-8th Grade

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Classrooms we will.... work

together with students and families to promote student success in writing and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Model how to write effective constructive responses.
- Recognize good writers and readers in the school.
- Provide students with the opportunity to practice writing by participating in daily journal writing across the curriculum, with a focus placed on ideas and details.
- Offer free Family Fun Rallies, concentrating on writing and math strategies and technology links to learning.
- Provide parents with opportunities for students to practice math and writing at home through various competitions.
- Provide students and parents with math and writing technology Web sites.

At Home: ACMS school parents

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joined together to develop ideas about how families can support students and show success in reading, writing, and math. Your family may have other ideas to share as well.

- Have your child read different types of books, newspapers, and magazines to view different types of writing and for various purposes. Allow your child to practice writing at home by creating lists or summarizing information. Encourage your child to read Accelerated Reader book and complete all homework.
- Check out our Web page and use some of our family friendly links to writing and math.
- Be sure to attend Family Fun Rallies where ideas are shared with you and your child on how to make learning fun, yet academically challenging.
- Complete math problems together from Web sites, go over homework, and use number sense in fun activities at home such as making a cake or completing a project.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best on math and writing competitions such as Sumdog, St. Jude's Mathathon, and essay contests.
- Have your child at school for the entire day, as attendance is critical to learning.
- Check your child's book bag and planner every night for communication from school and daily assignments. The planner is a vital component to student achievement.

As Students we will...

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- Complete all journals, constructed responses, and writing assignments.
- Use teacher shared Web sites to complete writing and math practice activities and tests.
- Bring home my notices about Family Fun Rallies, *Middle Years* monthly newsletters, and any class news and information.

- Do my best and complete items in competitions such as Sumdog, St. Jude's Mathathon, and GA Young Authors.
 - Complete all classwork and homework.
 - Fill out planners/agendas.
 - Bring all necessary supplies to school.
- ***If you do not have Internet access at home, you can use the time before /after school, media visits, end of class period, and or study skills to access Web site resources. Also, ask your teacher for help and/or attend after school tutoring.****