

What is a School-Family Compact?

A School-Family Compact is a written commitment describing how all members of a school community (parents/family members, staff, and students) agree to share responsibility for student learning. This compact helps bridge the learning connection between school and home.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Share strategies that staff, families and students can use to improve student learning
- Share strategies families can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents/family members will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents/family members to observe, and participate in the classroom

Communication About

Student Learning

Grace Snell Middle School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways we can foster effective communication include:

Parent/teacher conferences, utilization of agenda books, Parent Portal, email, School calling system, text messages, phone conferences, teacher

Grace Snell Middle Parent Center

Parents are welcome to visit our Parent Center

Rm #1.202 (front left lobby)

Monday-Friday 9:00am – 4:00 pm

Computers are available for parents to use to explore academic resources for students.

Please contact: **Ms. Drummond, 770-554-7765,**

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Activities to Build Partnerships

- **Title I Planning Meeting:** 08/16/2017, 10 AM
- **Annual Title I Parent Meetings:** 08/29/2017, 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM
- **Event:** Curriculum Night 08/29/2017 6:30 pm
- **District Title I Parent Meetings:** 09/12/2017 6pm
Lilburn Library & 9/14/17 10AM Central Gwinnett Castle
- **Workshop:** Home Strategies to Help Students Master Mathematical Computation Skills, 10/12/2017 10AM & 6PM
- **Event:** International Literacy Night 1/25/18 5:30PM
- **Transition:** 5th grade Orientation Night, 3/15/18 6PM
- **District Title I Parent Meetings:** 3/27/18 Location TBD
- **District Title I Parent Meetings:** 3/29/18 Five Forks Trickum Library

There are various opportunities at GSMS for parents to volunteer and play a significant role in their child's education. Please consider the following:

- ◆ Classroom observations-Contact your grade level administrator to schedule an observation.
- ◆ Media & Parent Center Volunteer Opportunities (with current identification)-Contact Ms. Drum-

At Grace Snell Middle School our vision is to provide a culture of excellence that prepares all students to reach their maximum potential today, tomorrow and beyond.



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Grace Snell Middle School School-Family Compact 2017–2018



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Our school, families, students, and other stakeholders were involved in the joint-development of this School-Family Compact.

Grace Snell MS School-Family Compact

Dear Family,

This compact outlines how the parents/family members, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement at **Grace Snell Middle School**. This compact also describes how the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help students achieve the State's high academic standards.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is necessary to understand our district and school's goals for student academic achievement.

Goals of Gwinnett County Public Schools:

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

Math: Students are not only expected to become proficient in appropriate computational skills, but also to be actively involved in constructing and applying mathematical ideas.

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.

At **Grace Snell Middle School** we will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.

Teachers, Families, and Students - Working Together to Achieve Success

Goals of Grace Snell Middle School:

In **English/Language Arts** students of GSMS will score in the "proficient" or "distinguished" range as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS)

Skill: Students at Grace Snell Middle School will improve their literacy by practicing daily reading comprehension skills in all content areas.

In **Mathematics** students of GSMS will score in the "proficient" or "distinguished" range as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS).

Skill: Students at Grace Snell Middle School will improve their numeracy skills by practicing computational skills on a daily basis.

Teachers, students, and parents worked jointly to develop ideas that will support student success. It is important for us to work as a team to help your child meet the district and school goals.

Teachers, Families, and Students—Working Together to Achieve Success

The teachers, parents/family members, and students of **Grace Snell Middle School**, worked jointly to develop the School-Family Compact.

All families are invited to be involved in the joint development and revision of the School-Family Compact. The Compact is written and reviewed annually with input and feedback from families, teachers, community business partners and other stakeholders at the Title I Planning Meeting and other document review opportunities.

Title I documents are made available for review at our Annual review meeting held on **August 16, 2017**. Additional opportunities to review these documents can be found on the school's website at gracesnellms.org between the dates of **August 21-23, 2017**. Grace Snell Middle School will offer ongoing review of the documents throughout the year at all school-wide events.

At Grace Snell Middle School we will...

- ◆ Provide workshops and training to teach parents how to assist their students in developing reading comprehension strategies that span all content areas and math computational.
- ◆ Provide parents with guidance in locating online tools and outside resources to help support their child with literacy and math.
- ◆ Provide parents with resources to be checked out from the Parent Center to increase academic achievement in English/Language Arts, especially with Literacy tools to increase fluency and reading comprehension.

As a student of Grace Snell Middle School will...

- ◆ Practice reading comprehension and mathematical computational skills each day.
- ◆ Utilize educational websites and eCLASS to practice my skills with reading comprehension and math.
- ◆ Use resources from the Parent Center to build my reading comprehension and mathematics skills.

As a Parent I will..

- ◆ Attend workshops and practice strategies that I learn to help my child become proficient in reading comprehension and mathematical computation.
- ◆ Navigate and use online resources, such as ECLASS, to assist my student in building reading comprehension and mathematical computation skills.
- ◆ Check out materials and resources that support Literacy, specifically to improve my child's reading fluency and comprehension.