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School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement for 2014-2015



Turner County Elementary School



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What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach school-wide goals:

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff of Turner County Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. Responses from parent involvement surveys were used to guide development of our school compact.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer and/or participate in revising the School-Parent Compact, please contact Alice Nelson, Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator, at (229) 567-4412 or by email at anelson@turner.k12.ga.us.

Communication about Student Learning

TCES is committed to quality two-way communication with families about student's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Updates on the school website: tces.turner.k12.ga.us
- Powerschool Parent Portal
- Report Cards
- Progress Reports
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Remind
Remind.com
- TCES Facebook Page ("Like" us):
TurnerCoElementarySchool

We Welcome Your Involvement!

TCES is committed to granting parents:

- Reasonable access to staff
- Opportunities to volunteer and observe their child's classroom
- Opportunities to participate in class/school activities.

TCES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

TCES PTO is a great way to get involved in your child's education and our school. There is no membership fee required and all parents are invited to join.

The purpose of TCES PTO is to support the students, faculty, and staff in the mission of the school - to create a safe and challenging educational environment where all students have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential through fundraising, family activities, and open communication.



Teachers, Parents, Students - Together for Success

Our District Goals

In partnership with our families and community, Turner County Schools will provide high quality educational experiences that lead to student success in college and careers.

- Increase opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in schools.
- Engage family and community members to support the work of schools.
- Create an inviting atmosphere for parents and visitors at the district office and in all schools.
- Ensure equitable outcomes for student achievement.

Our School Goals

TCES's administration and teachers will continue to study student performance data to determine areas needing most improvement.

- TCES will increase overall writing proficiency in all content areas.
- TCES will increase the percentage of students reading at grade level band to 75%.

In the Classroom

Teachers, students, and parents work together to develop ideas that will support student success. The following are ways that TCES faculty will promote student success:

- Work with students and families to support achievement in reading and writing in order for all children to meet or exceed standards on the Georgia Milestones and TCES Benchmark Assessments.
- Provide homework tips that include organizational strategies parents can share with their child.
- Provide parents information about the new writing program and how to help their child write using different writing tasks.
- Provide parents information about their child's Lexile level and how to help their child with reading.
- Work collaboratively to ensure that every child's style of learning is addressed and that instruction will be differentiated to meet each child's learning needs.

In the Home

Continuous collaboration between TCES parents and teachers promotes sharing and development of ideas for family support at home. The following are ways in which families can support students' success at home:

- Read together regularly to promote interest in literature.
- Use homework helps and organizational strategies to help students complete homework and equip them with skills to organize homework, projects and study time.
- Attend Parent Nights and Events and/or request information from teachers if unable to attend.
- Check students' Friday folders to monitor student progress, read any information sent home in folders, and visit TCES's website and Facebook page to stay updated on school news.
- Encourage students to write using strategies to initiate conversation about writing.

TCES Students

TCES students will make home-school learning connections by:

- Bringing home school and classroom newsletters, handouts, and other resources to their families.
- Share information about writing assignments and write at home with parents.
- Check out books from the media center and read together with parents at home.
- Discuss homework with parents and share and implement strategies for homework and organization to help complete homework.