What is a School Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, school staff and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The Burnett Elementary School Parent Compact:

- Is linked to the goals on the school improvement plan
- Focuses on student learning skills
- Describes how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Shares strategies parents can use at home
- Explains how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describes opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

How is the School Parent Compact Developed?

Burnett Elementary School parents, students, staff, and teachers contributed to the development of this Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them. Meetings are held throughout the year to review the Compact and make changes based on input received. Parents can contribute ideas at any time using our Comment Cards (housed in the Parent Resource Center or in the main office). For more information about the Compact or about submitting input, please contact Velrah Callaway, the Family Engagement Contact at Burnett Elementary School at (770) 651-3500.

Building Partnerships

Burnett Elementary School provides many opportunities that parents can utilize to help their children succeed. The Parent Resource Center (PRC) offers a variety of resources such as educational games, books, workbooks and other materials. Parents may use materials in the center, or they may take advantage of the lending library to check-out resources for home use. There are also parent workshops and meetings scheduled throughout the year that include topics such as Math, Reading, Attendance, Homework Help and Test Taking Strategies. The Parent Post is a newsletter that is sent home that includes more information on family engagement activities at our school. Parents are also invited to come to our school for Grade Level Informational Meetings, Parent Advisory Council and School Council Meetings, and other meetings that will be offered throughout the year.

Communication about Student Learning

Burnett Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children’s learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you include the following:

- Teachers will utilize agendas as a daily communication tool.
- Grade level newsletters are sent home every Tuesday.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice per school year.
- Progress reports and report cards will be issued quarterly.
- Updates will be posted on the teacher websites, school website and district website.
- School Messenger, Remind, and Class Dojo are also used.
TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

IN OUR THIRD GRADE CLASSROOM
The Third grade teachers will work with students and their families to support student success in math and literacy. We will work with students and families in the following by:

1. In the classroom to include AVID binders and model 2 column notes for all subjects that are taught throughout the year.
2. Supplying parents with tips and ideas that can be done at home to help understand math concepts.
3. Create an interactive notebook for math and literacy to help them review the concepts that are taught throughout the year.
4. Provide fluency reading passages weekly.
5. Hold math and literacy events which will concentrate on math and reading concepts in 3rd grade.

AT HOME
Burnett Elementary School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students’ success in math and literacy. Some of our key at-home activities will be to:

1. At home the parents will review AVID binders/agendas with their student nightly and have conversations about the curriculum.
2. Review the tips and ideas provided to ensure that my child understands the math concepts.
3. To review homework as it relates to the interactive journal each night with my child, and to have family conversations about the curriculum.
4. Listen to my child read nightly and record the number of words read per minute.
5. Attend the math and literacy events to get ways to better assist my child. If I can’t attend, I will contact my child’s teacher.

BURNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
Burnett Elementary School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and literacy. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

1. I will review my AVID binder/agenda with my parent(s)/guardian(s) to review the 2 column notes, materials covered in class and homework.
2. I will do the hands on activities provided by my teacher at home with my parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that I understand what will be covered during my math lesson.
3. I will review my homework with my parent(s)/guardian(s) to periodically review the materials covered in class.
4. I will read my fluency passage nightly and return it to school on Friday.
5. I will attend the Math and Literacy events with my family. I will be an active participant in the activities that are conducted.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S PROGRESS?
It is our goal to provide reasonable access to school staff. All teachers have a phone number and an email address. Access both the phone number and email address on our school website http://bues.dcssga.org/ Please call the school at (770) 651-3500 for more information.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS
Parents may volunteer at Burnett, throughout the school year, in the following capacities: Room Parent volunteer, Media Center Book Fair volunteer, PAC, Black History Month volunteer, Field Day volunteer, and facilities improvement such as First United Methodist Church Closet Clean-up and many more. Parents may also schedule a 30 minute visit to observe their child’s class by contacting the front office to complete the required visitation documentation form.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Douglas County School System Goals
The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

Burnett Elementary School Goals
Based upon the data from 2021-2022 the following goals have been set for all students at Burnett Elementary School:

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished on the GMAS English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points. To prepare students for the Milestones, Third Grade teachers will focus on ensuring that these students are:

- Reading 100 (Fluency)
- Able to increase their Lexile levels by 10%
- Lexile 520L - 820L

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished on the GMAS Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points. To prepare students for the Milestones, Third Grade teachers will focus on ensuring that these students:

- Are fluent with their multiplication facts up to 10 x 10.
- Apply math reasoning skills to word problems with 80% accuracy or more.

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