

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 grade level standards.

EFFECTIVE COMPONENTS

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

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING

Elite Scholars Academy Charter School is committed to frequent two-way communication with our families regarding their child's learning. We will:

- Update the school website
- Provide frequent reports to parents on their children's progress
- Provide parent-teacher conference which will be held annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement
- Provide reasonable access to staff opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of the classroom.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Elite Scholars Academy will revise strategies for this School-Parent Compact for Achievement as needed, based on the changing needs of the students.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer and/or observe in the classroom, please contact the school office at 770-472-2823 or email

Ms. Cheryl Williams at cheryl.williams@clayton.k12.ga.us

Activities to Develop Partnerships:
Parent Universities (announced by counselor)
Parent Teacher Conference Days
Monthly PTSA/Governance Council Meetings



School-Parent-Student Compact
Grade Level: 8
2016-2017

ELITE SCHOLARS ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

Elite Scholars Academy administrators and teachers have evaluated student performance data to determine areas needing improvement to increase proficiency in all academic areas.

District Goals

By (May, 2015), all students will be at grade level or higher in Math.

We will get there by increasing 6th—8th grade students’:

- understanding of rate, ratio and proportional reasoning.
- understanding of operations with rational numbers
- working with expressions and linear equations

8th Grade

8th grade students at Elite tackle challenging courses. Physical science, coordinate algebra, and foreign language courses provide opportunities for students to receive high school credit. The language arts curriculum fosters the development of higher level reading comprehension and communication skills (written and oral). Finally, the social studies curriculum encompasses an in depth study of the state of Georgia.

In the 8th Grade Classroom

8th Grade Goals

To better prepare students for the challenges of high school and beyond, eighth grade teachers focus on three primary goals across the curriculum:

- To improve students’ ability to communicate responses in verbal form, written and oral.
- To improve students’ ability to utilize the mathematical process to address practical situations.
- To improve students’ critical thinking skills and the ability to apply these skills to concepts in science and social studies.

By working together, teachers, students, parents, and staff can help students reach their goals and meet high expectations.

Please feel free to contact teachers by phone or email with any questions or concerns regarding your child’s education. Teachers are available for conferences before school. Please contact Dr. Edwards via email to schedule a conference.

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At Home

Elite Scholars Academy parents will join staff to develop ideas on how families can best support student success in reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Strategies may include:

-Attending Family Literacy Nights, Math/Science Nights, Parent Workshops/Universities, PTSA meetings, and Parent/Teacher conferences

-Using internet resources such as Study Island, Georgia Online Assessment, and Galileo at home

-Keeping up with current events through print, television, and internet media resources

-Using materials available in the Parent Resource Center that can be checked out and used at home

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-Finding ways to use new vocabulary words in family conversations

-Encouraging reading by sharing information about current reading materials during family time.

When teachers, students, and families are united together, we achieve more!