

“Failure is Not an Option”

Summerville Middle School

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School-Parent Compact Summerville Middle School 2015-2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summerville Middle School, students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State’s high standards. To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand our district’s and school’s goals for student academic achievement.

Chattooga County School System Goals:

---Establishing internationally competitive standards for student performance and an accountability system and policy framework designed to insure that all students are challenged individually and collectively to meet more rigorous standards.

---In collaboration with technical colleges, other institutions of higher learning and the local business community, insuring that vocational/technical education programs prepare students for a diverse and technologically rich society.

---Insuring that all students and staff have a safe and secure environment for teaching and learning.

---Attracting, retaining and training the best teachers, principals and support staff.

---Utilizing, technology both to improve student achievement and to increase the school district’s productivity and efficiency as a major business enterprise.

---Increasing parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process.

---Reviewing the potential for utilizing the school district’s existing public education facilities to establish self-supporting community school evening/week-end education programs for interested Chattooga County adults.

---Chattooga County School District reserves 1% of Title I funds for parental involvement activities if the LEA receives more than \$500,000.

Summerville Middle School Goals:

---Provide curriculum instruction (including remediation, tutoring, and differentiation) in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines and policies.

---Maintain a line of communication between school and parent on the academic progress of their child.

---Provide resources to support academic success in core content areas (ELA, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies).

---Communicate high expectations for every student.

School Responsibilities:

Summerville Middle School will:

- 1. Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State’s student academic achievement standards by:**

**Providing a safe, clean, healthy, well-equipped facility*

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- *Ensuring that all teachers and paraprofessionals are highly qualified*
- *Holding high expectations for all pupils, believing that each student can learn and helping each child reach his/her fullest potential*
- *Showing respect for each child and his/her family*
- *Maintaining open communication with the students and his/her parents*

2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.

**Parent/teacher conferences are held each 9 weeks. It is discussed in each conference what each party involved should do concerning the child's education (School Compact). Parents are allowed to set up conferences whenever the teacher is available.*

3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.

- *Progress Reports are sent home every 4 ½ weeks*
- *Report Cards are sent home every 9 weeks*
- *Parent Portal is available. Parent Portals can be set up by contacting the school PIC at (706)859-3058.*
- *Behavior folders are sent home every day for 6th grade*
- *"Week in preview" of the following week's agenda are sent home and emailed to parent(s) each Friday for 8th grade*

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff.

Parents able to contact/communicate with teachers by:

- *Email communication*
- *Parent meetings are made during teacher's planning period*
- *Before or after school meeting times are available to conference with teachers*

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities as follows:

Parents are given the opportunity to volunteer/participate/observe by:

- *Setting up a time with the teacher to observe classes*
- *Communicate with teacher to determine opportunities to volunteer (classroom activities, field trips, etc.)*
- *Participate in Purposeful Parent Meetings*

Parent Responsibilities:

We, as parents, will:

- *See that my child attends school regularly in order to stay on pace with the standards being taught*
- *Ensure that my child is prepared for school and completes assignments/projects*
- *Communicate with the teacher regularly to monitor academic/behavior progress*
- *Attend all conferences and meetings relating to my child's education*
- *Provide assistance to my child as an extension of what is being taught at school*
- *Work with my child and teach them to treat others with respect*
- *Parents are invited to participate in the revision of the Title I School-wide Plan, Parent Involvement Policy, and School-Parent Compact in the fall and spring of the year.*

Student Responsibilities:

- *Attend school on a regular basis*
 - *Come to school prepared to learn and with proper supplies*
 - *Be responsible for my learning*
 - *Complete all assignments and study for my tests*
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- *Study at least 15 minutes each night in every academic subject*
 - *Give my parents/guardians all teacher notices and other information sent home*
 - *Be responsible for my actions knowing that I can and will learn*
 - *Treat other students and teachers with respect*

Please review this School-Parent Compact with your child. This School-Parent Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child's teacher. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

School Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____