

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact is an agreement that families, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how families and school staff will work together to make sure all students reach grade level standards and can be successful. The school will -

*Link goals to the School Improvement Plan

*Focus on student learning methods

*Share strategies families can use at home

*Explain how staff and families will communicate about student progress

Jointly Developed - The families, students, and staff at Briarwood Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, families added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings and events are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student and family needs. The Compact will be approved at the last Parent Advisory Committee meeting in April.

Our family engagement standards provide a framework for how families, schools, and communities can work together to support student success. The standards include welcoming all families, communicating effectively, supporting student success, speaking up for every child, sharing power, and collaborating with community.



We are committed to frequent two-way communication with families about students learning and behavior. Some of the ways we will communicate are:

*weekly folders	*notes or phone calls
*school calendar	*Parent Teacher Conferences
*teacher newsletters	*study buddy
BCOS App	email
REMIND App	

*Updates on school website, local radio, newspaper, & social media

Briarwood students joined with the staff during guidance class to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and make great accomplishments in math & reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school.

1. Tell my parents something I read in class today.
2. Make two piles of coins. Find the pile with the greatest value.
3. Practice telling people what time it is at least twice a day.
4. Play multiplication card games. Make index cards & put answers on the back.
5. Read and write notes, write a letter and mail it, or read an article in the paper.
6. Play a board game or card game. Read directions aloud.
7. Use legos to practice area and perimeter.

P - Positive Attitude A - Act Responsibly W - Work Together
Briarwood teachers/staff members reward students for positive behavior with PAWS. Students can collect the paws and trade them in for incentives. There is POWER in the PAW!

PAWS for Kindness: It's cool to be kind! Briarwood teachers/staff members are continually looking to catch students being kind. Kind students are added to the "PAWS" for Kindness bulletin board, and those students receive a PAWSITIVELY AWESOME pencil and a postcard in the mail from administration.

Keep the kindness going! Character Counts!

Tests students at Briarwood will be scheduled to take this year as mandated by the state or local government:

Benchmark testing every nine weeks in Reading, Math & Writing

Common Formative Assessments (CFA) in Math, English/Language Arts, and Writing in the fall and spring

Families are encouraged to contribute comments or suggestions at any time. If you would like to volunteer or participate in the school environment please contact your teacher, school office or Family Involvement Coordinator, Karen Hudson, at 731-584-5511. Translator is available upon request. The compact was approved by the Parent Advisory Committee on 5/11/20.

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School-Parent
Compact
Grades 3-5

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Our Goals for Student Achievement



The Board of Education set goals for the entire district.

School Goals

Our school administration and teachers have studied the student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our goals align with the district goals and are as follows:

Increase Reading / Language Arts proficiency

Increase the number of students who are on-track and mastered and decrease those students who are approaching or below in RLA.

Numeracy Achievement Improvements

Increase the number of students who are on-track and mastered and decrease those students who are approaching or below in math.

College and Career Ready Students

Students will learn critical thinking skills that will assist them in the classroom today as well as in the future.

Grade level meetings are focused on aligning instruction with state standards. Teachers & students also have data chats.

My goals as a student at Briarwood

Math - _____

Reading - _____

Writing - _____

My teacher can help me by _____

My family can help me by _____

I can help myself by _____

Teachers, Families, Students
Let's Be Better Together

PARENT ORIENTATION

During Parent Orientation, your child's teacher will discuss ways in which families and school staff can work together to ensure respect & responsibility are valued.

CHARACTER COUNTS

All students will be exposed to the six character traits that help our school be a positive experience for all students and staff. Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring & Citizenship. Use these words at home.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

School Attendance is a priority. We expect students to be on time.. Communication concerning attendance is important. Notes should be turned in promptly. Always give the office new phone numbers and addresses.

PTO

Briarwood School has monthly Parent Teacher Organization meetings at 6:00 p.m. to discuss school events & sometimes watch class performances.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Our school welcomes you to be a member of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). It meets three times a year to discuss a wide variety of academic components.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home every nine weeks & interim reports mid 9 weeks. The report should be returned with a signature and conversation is encouraged.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Some school events are book fairs, class musicals, career day, grandparents' night, lunch visitors, field trips, awards day, and field day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

We have a wide variety of community services and support. Please see our Family & Community Involvement Plan in your school handbook which is updated yearly.

Classrooms will work with students and families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key strategies/ideas for students & families :

3rd grade

- *Read with or to your child. Books, newspaper, road signs, menu, programs, magazine, mail
- *Sign the study buddy every night & comment if needed
- *Write notes for family members to find in different places around the home
- *Use index cards to make flash cards of addition, subtraction, & multiplication facts . Make a game of it - the faster the better. (Even play "War")

4th grade

- *play a money counting game like monopoly
- *roll two dice and multiply - high answer wins
- *Watch your child use the IXL computer program
- *Read the same book & share the events
- *Sign the study buddy every night & comment if needed.

5th grade

- *Practice multiplication/division facts at home with flash cards, online games, etc.
- *Read aloud for 30 or more minutes (depending on teacher) nightly.
- *Discuss current topics being studied in class with your child.
- *Discuss the Monday/Friday folders and classroom newsletter with your child.



Useful websites for students and families other than these listed can be found in the District Parent Handbook–Family Engagement Section
www.lexialearning.com Reading in a game-like environment Tiered Intervention for reading
Renaissance Home Connect / Accelerated Reader https://hosted6.renlearn.com/373877/HomeConnect Login in with student's username and password Get emails & see student reading reports
FREE Homework Hotline 615-298-6636 www.homeworkhotline.info
www.brainpop.com Animated Educational Site for Kids
www.ixl.com Immediate Feedback - Standards-based Learning