

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 Factory Shoals 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?

Factory Shoals 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/Families can contribute ideas at any time using the Comment Cards found in the Parent Resource Center or in the main office. For more information about the Compact or about submitting input and/or feedback, please contact: Hector Cotte, Family Engagement Contact at 770.651.3937 or hector.cotte@dcssga.org

Building Partnerships

Factory Shoals Elementary School provides many resources and tools to help parents support their children in reaching their academic goals. We are excited to offer a **Parent Resource Center (PRC)** with a variety of free educational games, books, workbooks and other materials for parents to have or check-out for home use. There are also parent workshops and meetings scheduled throughout the year that include topics such as Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies and Test Taking. The *Fifth Grade Newsletter* and the *Parent Post Newsletter* are sent home with every child and provides additional information on parent and family engagement activities/opportunities at our school. Parents/Families are also invited to come to the school for grade level Informational Nights, School Council and Parent Advisory Council meetings as well as for special events such as Back to School Boogie, Grandparents Day Breakfast, Fall Festival, SneakerBall Family Dance, Donuts for Grown-ups, and more!

Communication about Student Learning

Factory Shoals 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:

- Fifth grade teachers will utilize Remind, Class Dojo (behavior only), Google Classroom, and student agendas as a communication tool.
- Dolphin Dispatch folders are sent home every Wednesday containing student work and any current assessment results.
- 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 school and district websites.
- School Messenger is also used.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2023-2024

Fifth Grade Focus For Student Success



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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 (ELA) and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

Factory Shoals Elementary School Goals

English Language Arts (ELA) school goal:

The percentage of 5th grade students who will score at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase from 18.6% to 30% Proficient and Distinguished.

- * Vocabulary and comprehension

Math school goal: The percentage of 5th grade students who will score at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Math End of Grade Assessments will increase from 30.1% to 34.29% Proficient and Distinguished.

- * Vocabulary and math fluency

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

At Factory Shoals, parents/families are encouraged to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. We do request that you schedule these visits with the teacher at least one day ahead of time to make certain there are no conflicts with testing or other events. Parents have the opportunity to call, send notes, or emails to request to volunteer, or observe in the classroom. Parents/families are also encouraged to use Remind as a means of communication.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

IN OUR FIFTH GRADE CLASSROOM

The fifth grade team will work with students and families to support student success in ELA and Math. To promote connections with families, teachers will:

- ◆ Use fifth grade website to post links for ELA and Math vocabulary strategies that will enhance comprehension of content (interactive notebooks, songs/raps, YouTube videos, etc.) as well as access links to understand math strategies and fluency.
- ◆ Students utilize AVID Binders.
- ◆ Send home helpful review tools for parents and children to practice Math, ELA, and Science concepts including Power Points, worksheets, and online resources.
- ◆ Provide tutorials for Georgia Ready Math.

AT HOME

Factory Shoals parents and staff developed ideas about how families can support student success in ELA and Math. Families may have other ideas to add to this list. Parents will:

- ◆ Access fifth grade blog with links to help increase ELA vocabulary comprehension and Math vocabulary and fact fluency.
- ◆ Utilize tools provided by teacher to practice Math and ELA concepts with my child.
- ◆ Watch Georgia Ready Math tutorials with my child.

FACTORY SHOALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Factory Shoals students, staff, and parents developed ideas about how students can succeed in school and reach for the stars in ELA and Math. To make connections between learning at home and school, students will:

- ◆ Study ELA vocabulary at home with parents using AVID Binders, interactive notebooks, and songs/raps.
- ◆ Study ELA concepts and practice multiplication and division facts at least three times a week at home.
- ◆ Watch provided Georgia Ready Math tutorials as well as have fun using PowerPoints and online resources to share what you've learned with your parents.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?

It is our goal to provide reasonable access to school staff. Please check progress through Google classroom. Contact below for our fifth grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted First.Last@dcssga.org.

Fifth Grade Teachers: Ms. Tanya Gambill, Ms. Shontal Greer, Ms. Shenavia Ingram, Ms. Megan Murphy, & Ms. Greta Shipman