

## Goals for Student Achievement

### District Goals

- ⇒ By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, student achievement on state assessments will improve by 3%.
- ⇒ Reduce discipline removals from regular classroom settings by 3% annually.

### School Goals

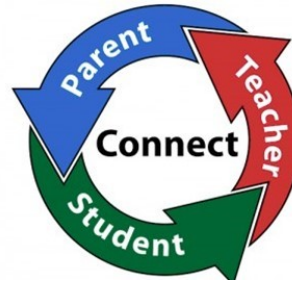
- ⇒ Increase academic rigor for students by providing targeted literacy instruction that increases the number of students earning proficient or better rating on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3% by the 2023-2024 school year.
- ⇒ Thomas County Middle School will reduce the number of students assigned to ISS/OSS by 3% by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

## Communication about Student Learning

- ⇒ Teachers will ensure regular, two-way, meaningful communication with parents in family friendly formats by corresponding via email, phone, or conference as needed.
- ⇒ Teachers also send text messages through *Remind*.
- ⇒ TCMS sends a progress report home at the midterm of each nine weeks. TCMS sends a report card home each nine weeks: October, January, March, and May.
- ⇒ Parents can also enroll in Parent Portal, an internet service that allows parents to keep up with grades and attendance. Directions to enroll are available on the system website at [www.tcjackets.net](http://www.tcjackets.net) under the Parent tab.

## Parent Engagement Events

- Annual Title I Meeting and Open House - August 3-4
- Veterans Day Celebrations - November 10
- Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 16
- Academic Parent-Teacher Team Nights - September 7, February 1
- Bingo for Books/Milestones Prep - March 26
- Book Fairs - October 16-27 and March 11-22



## Volunteer Policy

Because we recognize that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to our school, we welcome volunteers at Thomas County Middle School.

For engagement opportunities, please contact the Parent Involvement Coordinator, Misty Taylor at 229-225-4394 or by email at [mitaylor@tcjackets.net](mailto:mitaylor@tcjackets.net) for more information.

# Thomas County Middle School



## 2023-2024 School-Parent Compact

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## What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact is a written agreement describing how school staff, parents, and students will work together to ensure that each child will successfully meet grade-level expectations.

- ⇒ The compact is linked to the school improvement plan.
- ⇒ The compact specifically states what is expected from the teachers, parents, and students to meet the district and school goals.
- ⇒ The compact informs parents how the school will provide communication about parent involvement events and student progress.

## How is this compact created?

The parents and staff partnered together in the spring of 2023 to develop this school-parent compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, and parents added input about the types of support they needed.

Parents are encouraged to attend the annual revision meeting held in the spring of each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the annual needs assessment survey each spring.



## Teachers will...

Thomas County Middle School staff is committed to helping children excel in reading and math. The staff, in conjunction with parents, has developed a plan to ensure that our focus activities below match our district and school goals.

- ⇒ Teachers will create a welcoming and positive environment for students and parents.
- ⇒ Teachers will provide high-quality content literacy instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.
- ⇒ Teachers will use *Remind* to send messages, frequently update Infinite Campus grade book, and provide updated information in Google Classroom and other important student information.
- ⇒ Teachers will provide reasonable access to parents during scheduled parent/teacher conferences, through email or phone during normal school hours.
- ⇒ Teachers will frequently assess students and provide ongoing feedback to parents through email, progress reports, and report cards.
- ⇒ Teachers will communicate ways parents can support their children academically.
- ⇒ Teachers will promote family engagement workshops to provide academic support tips.



## Parents will...

Thomas County Middle School staff and parents joined together to create the following activities to support the success of students in reading and math.

- ⇒ Parents will stay informed by talking to their child about school, checking Parent Portal, and communicating with the school as needed.
- ⇒ Parents will encourage their child to do his/her best, in academics; support the school's and teachers' efforts to promote literacy in all content areas.
- ⇒ Parents will review the student handbook with their child.
- ⇒ Parents will encourage their child to do his/her best in behavior - to not participate in disruptive or harmful behaviors or bullying actions; support the school's and teachers' efforts to successfully redirect their child.
- ⇒ Parents will encourage their child to follow guidelines regarding cell phones according to the student handbook.
- ⇒ Parents will ensure that their child is present at school everyday - on time and with necessary supplies - and avoid student sign-outs whenever possible.
- ⇒ Parents will provide a quiet place for their child to study and complete homework and encourage him/her to look over notes every day.
- ⇒ Parents will participate in parent workshops that will provide tools and activities to help their child academically.

## Students will...

Students, along with teachers and parents, promise to do the following to master reading and math standards.

- ⇒ Attend school every day - on time and with necessary supplies.
- ⇒ Put their best efforts into academics and behavior; pay attention and be respectful.
- ⇒ Complete all classwork and homework assignments and turn them in on time; study and review class notes and read each night.
- ⇒ Study vocabulary and practice reading fluency at home with parent or adult in all academic areas to maximize learning.