

## What is a School Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact offers ways that parents, students, school staff and teachers work together to make sure all students are successful.

The Chestnut Log Middle School Parent Compact:

- Is linked to the goals on the school improvement plan
- Focuses on student learning
- Provides strategies for parents and students to use to achieve academic success
- 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

## Building Partnerships

Chestnut Log Middle School provides multiple workshops and resources that provide parents with resources and access to all staff members. The **Parent Resource Center (PRC)** offers a variety of educational games, books, workbooks and other materials that parents may use in the center, or they may take advantage of the lending library to check-out resources for home use. CLMS also provides workshops and meetings throughout the year on topics such as: ELA/Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science, Introduction to the GA Milestone Assessment, as well as, test taking strategies. The Parent Post, a newsletter that is sent home quarterly, includes additional information on family engagement activities at our school.

## Communication about Student Learning

Chestnut Log Middle School is committed to two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate with you include the following:

- Chestnut Log teachers will utilize agendas as a daily communication tool.
- Fall Open House
- Parents may schedule a conference with teachers at any time to get an update on their child's progress. To schedule an appointment visit the website or call 770.651.5100
- Parent Resource Center (PRC) open daily from 10:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.
- Teacher websites and individual blogs.
- Remind (formerly Remind 101)
- School Messenger are also used.

## SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2023-2024

## Eighth Grade Focus For Student Success



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## How is the School Parent Compact Developed?

Chestnut Log Middle School parents, students, staff, and teachers contributed to the development of the school-parent compact. Teachers provided home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make the strategies more specific, and students communicated strategies that they thought would be most beneficial to them. Meetings are held throughout the year to review and revise the compact. Revisions of the compact are based on the needs of the students and the academic achievement goals of the school.

Parents can provide feedback on the parent-school compact any time using our comment cards (housed in the PRC), attending the Parent Advisory Meetings, or via e-mail or telephone. For more information about the compact or about submitting input, please contact the Family Engagement Contact at (770) 651-5108.

## 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 and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

### Chestnut Log Middle School Goals

Chestnut Log Middle School will increase the percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts (ELA)/Reading and Math End of Grade Assessment by six percentage points.

#### Focus area(s):

Math-Proficiency in Basic Skills, Problem Solving skills.

ELA/Reading-Increasing student Lexile Levels.

### **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

At Chestnut Log Middle School, parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in their children's classes. Parents may schedule an appointment to observe their child's class through the main office. Chestnut Log encourages all parents to become active participants in school wide programs such as Career Day and Red Ribbon Week, where they will be invited to serve as speakers and volunteers at Book Fairs. They are also encouraged to attend Title I Workshops throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

## TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

### **IN OUR EIGHTH GRADE CLASSROOM**

The eighth grade teachers will work with students and their families to develop students' academic success in ELA/Reading and Mathematics. We will work with students and families in the following ways:

- Provide parents with curriculum and instructional materials, the student learning map, and information to assist students in progressing through, and mastering, standards. This will be done through individual meetings/conferences, group informational sessions, blogs, and items mailed or sent home.
- Share with parents study techniques to develop their child's study skills in ELA/Reading and Math class such as creating a structured routine for studying daily, designating at least 20 minutes a day to review the class notes and create questions that they may have about the content.
- Update the school's website on a regular basis and include links to content specific material and research sites to enable students and parents/guardians to explore and work on content.

### **AT HOME**

Chestnut Log Middle School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' academic success in ELA/Reading and Math. Some of our key at-home activities will be:

- Supporting students and staff by maintaining an active Parent Portal account and using this to monitor student progress and grades in classes.
- Attend parent workshops at the school with my child to learn ways to study ELA/Reading and Math vocabulary at home.
- Support student achievement by discussing what content standards they are currently learning in ELA/Reading and Math and how they can connect these standards to their everyday life.

### **CHESTNUT LOG MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Chestnut Log Middle School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school, in Math and ELA/Reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Complete math activities on educational websites for extra practice and watch instructional videos with my parents to gain a better understanding of multiplying and dividing as well as other instructional topics I need assistance with.
- Use Math and ELA/Reading study guides to prepare for upcoming test with my parent.
- Create a study log for Math and ELA/Reading showing how long I studied what I reviewed and what I would like to understand better and have my parents to sign it.

### **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?**

It is our goal to provide reasonable access to all school staff members. Faculty and staff can be contacted via telephone and/or email. The staff email and phone numbers are provided on the school website. <http://clms.dcssga.org> Please allow teachers and staff a minimum 24 hours to respond to your request. For more information please call the school at (770) 651-5100.