

What is a School-Family Compact?

Our annual school-family compact for achievement is an agreement that outlines responsibilities of the school, families, and students to help all students reach their highest academic potential.

Effective compacts:

- Link to academic achievement goals
- Focus on school learning
- Share strategies that staff, families, and students can use
- Explain how families and teachers can communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for families to observe, volunteer, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

Teachers, staff, families, School Governance Team, and students worked together to formulate an agreement that will benefit every member of our BCMS family through joint meetings, surveys and the school website. We invite all BCMS families to join us annually in the Spring at our Title I Needs Assessment meeting to help us development and revise our compact.

Building Partnerships and Family Involvement

Bear Creek Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to provide families and students with access to our staff. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Brasfield.

- Grade Level Orientations and Open House
- Title I Meetings
- Family Day
- Family-Teacher conferences each 9-weeks to discuss progress
- Teacher websites/blogs
- Social media announcements
- Phone calls home
- Family Resource Center available (M-F, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Communication about Student Learning

Teachers at Bear Creek Middle School believe that consistent communication with families is an integral component to student success. Teachers communicate utilizing the following means:

- Emails and Remind Messages
- Weekly Wednesday folders
- Bi-weekly grade reports
- Parent and Student Portal
- Curriculum and family nights
- Family-Teacher conference weeks

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2019-2020 SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT



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Barrow County School System Goals

The system percentage of students scoring at the developing, proficient, and distinguished levels will increase on each portion of the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment by 2022.

- ELA will increase to 85% (baseline 70.3%) by 2022.
- Math will increase to 89% (baseline 78.9%) by 2022.
- Science will increase to 82% (baseline 69.9%) by 2022.
- Social Studies will increase to 85% (baseline 74.6%) by 2022.



Bear Creek Middle School Goals

Goal 1: Reading Achievement:

60% of Bear Creek Middle School students will meet their Fall to Spring MAP Growth target. (2018-2019-56.61%)

Goal 2: Writing Achievement:

42% of Bear Creek Middle School students will score at or above level 3 on the ideas/organization/coherence component of the Extended Writing prompt as measured by the Georgia Milestones assessment. (33.3% 2018-2019, 39% 2017-2018)

Goal 3: Math Achievement:

58% of Bear Creek Middle School students will meet their Fall to Spring MAP Growth target. (2018-2019-53.5%)

Bear Creek Middle School Responsibilities

As a school, we will...

- 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.
- Hold family-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
- Provide families with frequent reports on their students' progress.
- Provide families reasonable access to staff.
- Provide families opportunities to volunteer and participate in their student's class, and to observe classroom activities.



Areas of Emphasis

The Bear Creek Middle School goals for the 2019-2020 school year will focus on:

- **Reading**
- **Writing**
- **Math**

Family Responsibilities

As part of the Grizzly family, I will...

- Participate in family curriculum nights for all academic contents
- Review the Wednesday Folder and use the activities for home practice
- Use the Grade Reports in the Wednesday folder and/or Parent Portal to stay informed about my student's academic progress and guide practice and review at home
- Allow my student to stay for after-school tutoring sessions when needed to support learning in all subjects
- Support reading, writing, social studies, science, and math practice at home

As a student, I will:

- Do my homework every day, practice reading and writing at home, and ask for help when I need it
- Participate in family curriculum nights and encourage my family to participate
- Attend after-school tutoring when needed to help me do my best in all my classes
- Give the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information I receive from school, including my Wednesday folder