

What is a School-Parent Compact?

The *School-Parent Compact for achievement* is an agreement, developed by parents, students, and teachers together, that explains how families and teachers will work together to help students become successful and master grade-level standards.

Our compact will:

- Connect to our school improvement plan.
- Focus on student learning skills.
- Describe how teachers will use high quality instruction.
- Communicate how teachers will notify parents of student progress.
- Share ideas and strategies parents can use at home.
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom.

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of East Laurens Middle School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

Please go to our school web site and click on the Parent Resource tab. You will find many helpful and informative links for you and your child.

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact: Dr. James Lawhorn at jameslawhorn@lchoe.net or 272-1201.

Building Partnerships

- Open House
- Lunch and Learn
- Stakeholders' Meetings (Annual Title I Family Involvement Meetings)
- Annual Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Grade Level Orientation Days
- Parent Resource Center in Media Center
- Grade Level Honors' Day Programs
- Parent Curriculum Learning Days

Communication about Student Learning

ELMS is committed to two-way communication with families about student's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Remind.com
- Schoology
- Updates on the school website
- Current student grades on the Aspen Parent Portal
- Parent notification calls

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone at (478) 272-1201 or by email.

Email addresses are on the school website at www.elm.lchoe.net under the link for teacher websites.

Laurens County Schools School-Parent Compact 2019-2020

East Laurens Middle School
Eighth Grade
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Laurens County
Schools'

Vision



Laurens County Schools are student-centered communities of learners that challenge students to become independent critical thinkers, problem solvers, and contributing citizens.



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Mission

Rigor, relevance, and relationships...
every teacher, every student, every
day.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

LCBOE District Goals

In our efforts to increase **rigor** and student achievement, to provide **relevant** curriculum and learning experiences, and to build meaningful **relationships** with our students and stakeholders, the Laurens County School System has set the following goals for FY20:

- Increase the percentage of students reading on grade level based on CCRPI Lexile Levels by 3%.
- Increase number of students in ELA and Math scoring on the GMAS at a proficient or distinguished level by 3%.
- Increase the percentage of subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on the GMAS by 3%.
- Increase or maintain school climate rating at each school by utilizing support resources and professional development as measured by the State Report Card and CCRPI Score.

ELMS Goals

The administrators and teachers of East Laurens Middle School have studied student performance and other data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our goals for FY20 are as follows:

Goal #1: During the FY 20 school year, ELMS will increase the number of proficient and distinguished learner in math on the GMAS by 5%.

- Focus area: Develop an Understanding of Statistical Thinking

Goal #2: During the FY 20 school year, ELMS will increase the number of students reading within the Lexile grade band or above by 10% as determined by the GMAS.

- Focus areas: Vocabulary Development and Reading Endurance and Enjoyment

8th Grade Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

At School

The 8th grade teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our teachers' key connections with families will be:

- Our school web page has links to study guides for students and parents which are a helpful resource to build reading/vocabulary development and math/number system fluency skills. (Hard copies are available for parents who do not have internet access.)
- Offer Lunch and Learn for parents with focuses on Milestones preparation.
- Communicate regularly with the student and parents concerning students' progress in all areas specifically in reading (vocabulary development and reading endurance and enjoyment) and math (statistical thinking).
- Allow students to revisit, revise, and redo substandard work in a timely manner to increase reading (vocabulary development) and math (number system fluency) skill acquisition.

At Home

East Laurens Middle School believes that families are an important key in learning. ELMS parents joined with staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math. Some family key connections will be:

- Improve literacy skills and your child's Lexile level by **reading with your child at least 20 minutes per night.**
- Find opportunities for your child to perform everyday math like budgets, calculating tips, measuring, and Improve vocabulary and reading endurance and enjoyment by **reading with your child at least 20 minutes per night.**
- Develop an understanding of statistical thinking by talking about averages and how number information is presented.
- Initiate contact with my child's teacher when I have questions or concerns particularly on substandard work.

Students

East Laurens Middle School students will work with both teachers and parents in order to be successful in reading and math. Here are a few ideas on how students can make connections between learning at home and school:

- Explore the links on our school web page for the study guides and complete the study guide with my family to increase my vocabulary and number system fluency.
- Talk with my family about the strategies discussed at our Lunch and Learn events.
- Talk with my family about the strategies discussed at our Lunch and Learn events like using statistics in real world events.
- Set aside time each day to read at least 20 minutes each day with someone at home.

Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians of students at East Laurens Middle School will be made available upon request.