

NAHUNTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FY 2016 NAHUNTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2015-2016 school year.

School Responsibilities

The Nahunta Elementary School Staff will:

1. 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 as follows:
 - *All teachers employed at Nahunta Elementary hold a Georgia professional certificate.*
 - *Students are provided with motivating and interesting classroom learning experiences based on the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) and Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS).*
 - *NES will continue to implement Standards-Based Classrooms strategies to meet the individual needs of all learners.*
 - *NES faculty will evaluate disaggregated data from the Georgia Milestones Assessment and universal screening scores to determine areas for improvement.*
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:
 - *NES will schedule Parent Involvement meetings (in conjunction with PTO meetings) at least once per year. Parents will have the opportunity to attend and have input on the Title I Schoolwide Plan and the Parent Involvement Action Plan.*
 - *Parent-teacher conferences may also be scheduled at other times during the school year at the parent's request.*
 - *Teachers at NES are encouraged to have a parental contact for each student at least once every nine weeks.*
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
 - *Communications to parents will be written in a language that parents can understand.*
 - *NES will provide mid-term progress reports to parents concerning student achievement once each nine-weeks grading period.*
 - *Parents will have access to the parent portal of PowerSchool, which allows parents to access student information (e.g., grades, assignment completion, attendance) at home over the Internet.*
 - *NES will issue report cards at the end of each nine-weeks grading period.*
 - *Periodic newsletters are sent home to keep parents abreast of the standards being addressed and upcoming projects.*
 - *When needed, weekly grade reports are sent home indicating weekly averages and any incomplete assignments.*
 - *NES will provide parents with reports of student achievement on state mandated testing.*
4. Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
 - *Teachers at NES have daily planning periods, which allows for conferencing whenever needed. Conferences may be at the request of teacher, parent, or student. A conference room in the office complex is available upon request.*
 - *NES will provide parents with an email listing for all NES faculty members along with a listing of planning periods. NES teachers will be available for parent contacts as needed throughout the school year.*
 - *Communication is also provided through the use of student agendas.*
 - *NES will host Parent Night(s) to better acquaint parents with requirements in the different content areas and to educate parents about the Georgia Milestones Assessment, preparation for the test, and strategies for achievement.*
 - *NES will host PTO meetings throughout the school year.*
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:
 - *Nahunta Elementary believes that volunteers are a vital part of our school. Parent volunteers may assist in the media center and in classrooms with small groups of children. Volunteers also serve as chaperones on educational field trips.*
 - *Parents are invited to attend special programs and events within individual classrooms as well as to have lunch with their children.*
 - *The NES counselor serves as a parent involvement coordinator, and will provide parent volunteer awareness information at our annual Curriculum Night. Volunteer packets will be provided as requested. Parent volunteer information will be provided to all NES faculty. As per BCBOE policy, all parent volunteers must pass all appropriate background checks.*

Teacher Responsibilities:

As a teacher, I agree to:

- *provide motivating, engaging, and interesting learning experiences based on the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) or Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS).*
- *use a variety of teaching strategies that meet the individual needs of all students.*
- *help to provide a safe and positive learning environment within the school.*
- *demonstrate exemplary attendance as a model for my students.*

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- explain assignments clearly to students, and parents when appropriate.
- give feedback to the student about his/her progress through mid-term progress reports, report cards, and the Power School Parent Portal (updated weekly), as well as copies of state testing.
- utilize available teacher-parent communication resources, such as posting information for students to write in their planners.
- be available before school, after school, or during planning for parent conferences.
- have parent contact as needed and as requested by the parent.
- encourage parents to participate in PTO, volunteering, Open House, and family academic nights (such as Curriculum Night).
- show respect for each child and his/her family.
- through high expectations and support, help each child grow to his/her potential.

Parent Responsibilities:

As a parent, I agree to:

- have my child at school every day, unless he/she is ill (with a debilitating or contagious illness).
- have my child to school on time, and not pick him/her up early except in cases of emergency.
- schedule appointments (such as doctor's appointments) that don't interfere with school whenever possible.
- be sure my child has all necessary materials (pencils, paper, etc.) at all times.
- encourage my child to discuss his/her school activities every day.
- encourage good study habits, both in school and at home.
- attend conferences.
- read, sign, and return all papers that require a parent or guardian's signature.
- utilize available teacher-parent communication resources, such as student planners (reading the information that teachers have posted for students to write in there), as well as Internet services such as Power School, teacher webpages, Facebook, Twitter, and Remind101.
- be knowledgeable and supportive of school rules as stated in the student handbook.
- show respect and support for my child, the teacher, and the school.

Student Responsibilities:

As a student, I agree to:

- arrive at school ready to learn every day unless I am sick.
- do my best to be on time to school every day and stay for the whole school day.
- have all necessary materials (pencils, paper, etc.) at all times.
- complete and do my very best on each and every assignment.
- work cooperatively with my classmates.
- ask my teacher questions when I have tried my best and still don't understand.
- show respect for myself, as well as the rights and property of my school and other people.
- do my best in my behavior, complying with all NES rules of student conduct.
- encourage others to do their best.
- deliver to my parent or guardian any communication sent to them by teachers or other school personnel, including the information posted by the teacher for me to write in my planner.

I have received a copy of the 2015-2016 NES School-Parent Compact:

Principal's Signature: _____
Tenoldo A. Sawyer

Date: August 5, 2015

Teacher's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____