

What is a School Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, school staff, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The Sweetwater Elementary School Parent Compact:

- Is linked to the goals on the school improvement plan
- Focuses on student learning skills
- Describes how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- 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

How is the School Parent Compact Developed?

Sweetwater Elementary School parents, students, staff, and teachers contributed to the development of this Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them. Meetings are held throughout the year to review the Compact and make changes based on input received. Parents can contribute ideas at any time using our Comment Cards (housed in the Parent Resource Center or in the main office). For more information about the Compact or about submitting input, please contact the Parent Outreach Facilitator, Jennifer Gramling, at Sweetwater Elementary School at (770) 651-4600.

Building Partnerships

Sweetwater Elementary School provides many opportunities that parents can utilize to help their children succeed. The **Parent Resource Center** (PRC) offers a variety of resources such as educational games, books, workbooks, and other materials. Parents may use materials in the center, or they may take advantage of the lending library to check out resources for home use. There are also parent workshops and meetings scheduled throughout the year that include topics such as Reading, Class Conferences, Math & Science Night, Attendance Matters, and Test Taking Strategies. The Parent ePost is an electronic newsletter that is emailed which includes more information on family engagement activities at our school.

Communication about Student Learning

Sweetwater Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you include the following:

- Sweetwater teachers will utilize agendas as a communication tool.
- A weekly communication folder will be sent home with evaluated work, announcements, newsletters, and an overview of students' citizenship and work habits for the week.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice per school year.
- Progress reports and report cards will be issued quarterly.
- Updates will be posted on the school and district websites.
- School Website, Facebook, School Messenger, Remind, flyers, and signage are also used.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2023-2024

First Grade Focus For Student Success



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Our Goals for Student Achievement

Douglas County School System - Title I

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Sweetwater Elementary School Goals

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To achieve our goals, the focus areas for first grade will be:

- Using sight words and technology to improve reading skills
- Building fluency in counting and math facts

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

At Sweetwater Elementary, parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. We request that you schedule these visits with the teacher at least one day ahead to make certain there are no conflicts with testing or other events. Parents have the opportunity to call, send notes, or email to request to volunteer or observe in the classroom. A brief training is required to volunteer at school.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

IN OUR FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM

The 1st grade team will work with students and families to support student success in reading and math. To promote connections with families, teachers will:

- Communicate with parents daily, through the student's agenda and/or Remind. The **Communication Folder** will be sent home weekly. Homework assignments will be sent home on Mondays.
- Provide strategies for parents to review sight words at home (600+ words for 1st grade).
- Share passwords for MyOn and Xtra Math
- Teach counting to 120, addition and subtraction fluency through 10, and strategies for solving math problems to 20.
- Suggest resources for parents to check out from the Parent Resource Center (PRC) and assist with Title I parent workshops.

AT HOME

Sweetwater parents and staff developed ideas about how families can support student success in reading and math. Families may have other ideas to add to this list. Parents will:

- Check agenda and/or Remind daily. Check and sign Communication Folder weekly.
- Supervise child completing homework assignments.
- Review assigned sight words with child every day by using flash cards or reading through lists.
- Read with child every day for 15 minutes. Access My-On, and/or iLearn at home.
- Supervise math homework and use everyday activities at home to practice counting and basic math facts.
- Check out learning devices from the Parent Resource Center and attend at least one Title I Parent Workshop.

SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sweetwater students, staff, and parents developed ideas about how students can succeed in school and reach for the stars in reading and math. To make connections between learning at home and school, students will:

- Share the agenda with parents and complete homework every day.
- Review sight words at home every day and read for 15 minutes.
- Work at home on MyOn, Xtra Math
- Practice counting and basic math facts at home with parents and use online math resources.
- Use devices that parents check out from the PRC to improve reading and math.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?

It is our goal to provide reasonable access to school staff. Please see the contact information below for our first grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted First Name.Last Name@dcssga.org

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