

What Is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact is an action plan to enhance schools and promote student success.

The Family-School Compact describes how Ragsdale Elementary and families can work together to help children achieve the State's high standards. It outlines how parents, the school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Our Compact describes what the school will provide to students and parents, how communication will take place, and how teachers will help students develop necessary skills. It outlines what strategies families can use at home to support their child's learning. These components are linked to our Schoolwide School Improvement Plan.

How is the Compact Developed?

Parents, staff, and students of Ragsdale Elementary contributed to the development of this Compact. Feedback from surveys, input at meetings, and evaluation of current parent involvement practices were all considered. Teachers suggested activities that can take place at home, and parents contributed ideas to make these activities possible. Students offered feedback on what would help them learn.

Meetings are held each year to review the Compact, and to make necessary changes. The Compact ensures that students are provided with the best opportunity for academic achievement by the school and family working together. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time as the Compact will be referenced throughout the year.

Please contact your Title I Instructional Lead Teacher, Courtney Osley at (770)-443-2140, or cosley@paulding.k12.ga.us regarding any questions about your child's education or to make an appointment to discuss your child's learning.

Building Partnerships

Ragsdale Elementary is committed to providing families with resources and opportunities for learning to work in partnership with the school in supporting students.

- ✿ Our **Parent Resource Center** (PRC) offers educational games, books, and other materials available for parents to borrow for free. A **computer** with internet access for parent use may be accessed. The PRC is open every school day, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 pm and is located in Room B103 next to the media center.
- ✿ Two **Family Academic Nights** are offered for parents and families in the first half of the school year to provide an overview of the grade level learning expectations and to assist families with goal setting in Reading, Writing and Math. Teachers will help provide strategies that families can use at home to assist their child. Additional community partners will offer free academic materials to use at home during these nights.
- ✿ A variety of **Parent Engagement** opportunities and **Family Academic Nights** are offered throughout the year, providing information on topics such as Math and Reading Strategies, Science and Social Studies, Understanding Georgia Assessments, and more. All parents are invited to request specific topics of interest.
- ✿ A Title I **Newsletter** is sent home quarterly, with news on upcoming Parent Engagement events, academic information, and community resource links.

Communicating Your Child's Progress

Ragsdale Elementary realizes the importance of frequent and specific communication with parents.

- ✿ **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will take place October 14th – 18th, 2019 and March 16th – 20th, 2020.
- ✿ **Student Reports** are issued every nine weeks, in addition to progress reports.
- ✿ **Classroom Newsletters** are updated and posted on a weekly basis. It is a great way to stay connected to what is happening in the class.
- ✿ **Infinite Campus** information may be accessed through Parent Portal to view ongoing reports and attendance.
- ✿ **Volunteering/Participating/Observing** announcements are made throughout the year in newsletters, bulletins, and on our school webpage.

FAMILY-SCHOOL COMPACT 2019-2020

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Ragsdale Elementary

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Online Resource Information

MyOn: Reading
Edgenuity: Reading and Math
www.clever.com/in/pcsd

Username:	Password:
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Education Galaxy: Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies
www.educationgalaxy.com

Username:	Password:
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Lexile Level:	Quantile Level:
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Website (s):

- ✿ **Access to Staff:** Email addresses of all staff are available on our school website www.paulding.k12.ga.us; click on "select a school" at the top, then "our staff," then "staff search". Please call the school to schedule an appointment with staff at (770)-443-2140.

Teachers, Students, Families – Together for Success in All Grade Levels (K-5th)

Ragsdale Elementary Teachers:

The grade level teachers will work with students and their families to help students achieve success in Reading and Math.

- ✓ **Reading:** Guide students in setting learning goals and provide progress monitoring data to students and families. Provide leveled reading materials to each student's need/level.
- ✓ **Math:** Guide students in setting learning goals and provide progress monitoring data to students and families.
- ✓ **Parent Resource Center:** We will recommend specific skill areas for parents to focus on at home with students and send home reading and math skill building materials from the Parent Resource Center as needed.
- ✓ **Parent Engagement:** We will provide information to be sent home regarding all parent events in multiple ways (ex: flyers, phone calls, newsletters, emails, and sidewalk signs).

Ragsdale Elementary Students:

Students joined staff and parents/guardians/families to develop ideas about how they can succeed in Reading and Math.

- ✓ **Reading:** I will spend time nightly reading material that is at my Lexile level. I will read to or with my parent/guardian every day to meet my fluency goals.
- ✓ **Math:** I will explain math strategies to my parent when completing math activities. I will review my math journal to practice what I am doing in class and practice my math facts nightly with my family. I will also use my Mental Math strategies from Number Talks.
- ✓ **Parent Resource Center:** I will take home and use reading and math items from the Parent Resource Center to use with my parent/guardian.
- ✓ **Parent Engagement:** I will encourage my parent/guardian/family to attend at least two parent events this school year.

Ragsdale Elementary Families:

School parents/guardians/families joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in Reading and Math.

- ✓ **Reading:** I will encourage my child to read, using the provided Lexile level books and software as available. These will include books that are within the recommended Lexile range (100L below to 200L above his/her Lexile measure).
- ✓ **Math:** I will encourage my child to practice math facts using the strategies and skills to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom. I will practice using Mental Math strategies from their Number Talks lessons with my child.
- ✓ **Parent Resource Center:** I will use reading and math items from the Parent Resource Center with my child.
- ✓ **Parent Engagement:** I will make plans to attend at least two parent events (parent conferences, family nights, monthly parent meetings, volunteering in classroom).



Paulding County School District Goals for Student Achievement 2019-2020

- ✿ During the 2019- 2020 School Year, PCSD will increase the percent of students scoring proficient in Math and Science by 3% on Georgia Milestones.
- ✿ During the 2019- 2020 School Year, PCSD will increase the following subgroups: SWD, EL, ED to proficiency in ELA by 3%.
- ✿ During the 2019- 2020 School Year, PCSD will increase the percent of students scoring proficient or distinguished in ELA and Social Studies by 3% on the Georgia Milestones.



Ragsdale Elementary Goals for Student Achievement 2019-2020

- ✿ Students in grades 3-5 will meet RI growth goals, increasing from 74% in 2019 to 77% in 2020.
- ✿ Students in grades 1-5 scoring proficient and advanced will grow 3% on the MI from 18% in August 2019 to 21% in May 2020.
- ✿ Students in grades 3-5 scoring proficient and distinguished will grow from 36% in 2019 to 39% in 2020 as measured by the ELA achievement scores on Georgia Milestones.
- ✿ We will focus on leveled reading practice, goal setting in reading, math strategies, and goal setting in math.

Compacts are shared and discussed with parents/guardians and students during Parent/Teacher Conference Week (10/14/19 - 10/18/19). Feedback, and requests for support, are welcome at any time. The parent/guardian of each student at Ragsdale Elementary receives a Compact during the Parent-Teacher Conference week, and teachers share details of the student role as stated in the Compact with all students. Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians of students at Ragsdale Elementary will be made available upon request. All students, and parents/guardians of students at Ragsdale Elementary have had the opportunity to discuss the contents of and have received a copy of this compact.