

## 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:

- U Describes how McGarity Elementary and families can work together to help children achieve the State's achievement standards.
- U Is developed jointly with families, students, and teachers.
- U Links together district, school, and classroom goals for student achievement.
- U Lists strategies for teachers, families, and students to work together towards meeting the goals.
- U Describes opportunities for families to stay engaged with the school and in student progress.
- U Provides and explains methods of two-way communication between the school and home and opportunities for families to be engaged at the school.

## How is the Compact Developed?

All parents, staff, and students of McGarity Elementary are provided the opportunity to contribute input to the development of the compact so that it is **jointly** developed. Feedback from surveys, input at meetings, and evaluation of current parent engagement practices are considered. Teachers suggest strategies that can be used at home, and parents contribute ideas to make these activities possible. Students are offered the opportunity to provide input as well.

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. Language translation of materials and documents available upon request. Please contact Kelly Koch, your Title I Instructional Lead Teacher, with any comments or with any questions regarding your child's education at (770) 445-9007 or [kkoch@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:kkoch@paulding.k12.ga.us)

## Building Partnerships

- U **Parent Resource Center** (PRC): Offers educational games, books, and other materials available for families to borrow for **free**. The PRC is open Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 3:00pm. Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit during these times. Items can also be sent home with students by request. Our PRC is located in the gym lobby.
- U **Parent Engagement Meetings/Nights**: Engagement opportunities for this year will be posted at a later date. These opportunities will be held virtually or face-to-face on a variety of topics such as math and/or reading strategies, understanding assessments and student progress, educational technology, and other topics suggested by families.
- U **The Title I Newsletter**: generated quarterly, and the McGarity Parent Engagement/Title I **Website** both feature news of upcoming Parent Engagement events and other helpful information.

## Communication of Student Learning

**Some ways you can expect our school to provide up-to-date information on your student's progress are:**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**: Fall: October 10-14, 2022 and Spring: March 13-17, 2023 (NOTE: Times and format are scheduled to change.)

**Student Report Cards**: Progress reports issued every 4 ½ weeks. Report cards issued every 9 weeks.

**Contact from Teacher and School**: Email addresses of all staff are available on our school website. [www.paulding.k12.ga.us](http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us); click on "schools" on the top left. Please **email or call** (770-445-9007) to schedule an appointment with a staff member.

## 2022-2023 Family-School Compact Revised: October 6, 2022



### McGarity Elementary

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Principal: Karla Dodgen

#### McGarity Elementary School's Mission:

At McGarity Elementary School we strive to:  
Master curriculum by  
Engaging students and  
Supporting all learners

#### McGarity Elementary School's Vision:

McGarity Elementary's vision is to maintain a progressive, highly qualified faculty, committed to education that delivers a national curriculum while embracing change and diversity. We will engage students with a variety of innovative experiences and opportunities that ignite the desire to continue learning. We will maximize every student's strengths and talents by working collaboratively with all stakeholders to overcome their challenges.

# Our Goals for Student Achievement



## District Goals for 2022-2023

- By May 2023, increase the percentage of professional learning initiatives that positively impact student achievement by 30%, as indicated through the District PL Survey and participation report(s).
- By May 2023, increase collaborative opportunities to engage District staff, families, and communities by 20%, as indicated through the Federal Program's Outcome Goals and participation report(s).
- Increase student performance in all core content areas by 3% annually as measured by achievement data.



## McGarity Elementary Goals

- **Goal 1:** Increase percentage of 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA Georgia Milestone Assessment level 3 and 4 by 5% in each grade level (4<sup>th</sup> grade 37% to 42%, 5<sup>th</sup> grade 32% to 37%) by the end of the 2022-23 school year. **Our school will focus on:**
  - **vocabulary development**
  - **reading fluency and comprehension**
  - **Increasing student writing performance**
- **Goal 2:** Increase percentage of 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Georgia Milestone Assessment level 3 and 4 by 5% in each grade level (4<sup>th</sup> grade 55% to 60%, 5<sup>th</sup> grade 39% to 44%) by the end of the 2022-23 school year. **Our school will focus on:**
  - **providing rigorous, vertically aligned math instruction**
  - **fact fluency**
- **Goal 3:** Increase percentage of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students Science Georgia Milestone Assessment level 3 and 4 by 5% (38% to 43%) by the end of the 2022-23 school year. **Our school will focus on:**
  - **Project Based Learning in all grade levels.**

# Teachers, Families, and Students –Together for Success



## McGarity Elementary Teachers:



Teachers will work with families in partnership for student success in reading and math to support students in the following ways:

**Reading:** Provide reading resources tailored to student's ability level and/or current reading level. Provide daily reading with interactive resources and materials.

**Math:** Provide hands on materials, manipulatives, and interactive journals to support the learning of math and mental strategies.

**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 or requested.

**Parent Engagement:** Host reading and math Family Nights to showcase reading and math strategies and fun ways to learn. Communicate important information in multiple ways (flyers, emails, phone calls, and website).

## McGarity Elementary Families:

Parents of students at McGarity Elementary joined staff to develop the following ideas of how families can support student success in reading and math:

**Reading:** I will encourage my child to read, using leveled books and software as available.

**Math:** I will encourage my child to practice and learn math facts using the strategies and skills to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom.

**Parent Resource Center:** I will request and borrow suggested items from the Parent Resource Center and use these items to build reading and math skills at home.

**Parent Engagement:** I will make plans to attend at least two parent events (parent conferences, family nights, parent meeting). Events may be virtual or face to face.



## McGarity Elementary Students:

McGarity Elementary students joined staff and parents in developing plans to be the best we can be in reading and math.

**Reading:** I will spend time nightly reading material that is on my reading 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/guardian when completing math activities. I will practice and learn math facts using the strategies and activities used in class.

**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 (virtual or face-to-face) this school year.