

What is a Family-School Compact?

A School-Family Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- Begin with the standards
- Focus on student learning
- Respond to school data
- Define everyone's responsibilities
- Depend on us to believe in it and use it!



Jointly Developed

The parents and staff at Dade Elementary developed this School-Family Compact for Achievement. Parent input is encouraged as this is a living document that is reviewed annually. School-wide meetings will be held in May to update the compact.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

For more information on the 4th Grade Compact, please contact your child's teacher.

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Building Partnerships

We will have many exciting learning opportunities this year. Please make plans to attend these school-wide events where we will celebrate student success, display student work, and offer specific strategies to help your child reach their maximum potential!

- 11/5/19 — PTO Meeting at 6 pm
- 11/21/19 — Thanksgiving Lunch
- 2/11/20 — Parent Testing Meeting
- 2/11/20 — PTO Meeting at 6 pm
- 3/10/20 — PTO Meeting at 6 pm



Additionally, there will be many opportunities to volunteer inside and outside your child's classroom. Field trips, Fall Festival, mentoring, and Clean-up Days are just a few possibilities. Please see your child's teacher if you are interested in helping out.

Communication about Student Learning

At Dade Elementary School, we are committed to communicating with you regularly about your child's learning. Some of the ways that you can expect us to communicate are:

- Student Agendas
- Parent-teacher conferences each year
- Progress Reports / Report Cards
- Infinite Campus Messenger (email and text)

Questions or Comments?

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We are here to help!

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Dade Elementary School



**Family-School Compact
for Achievement
2019-2020**



"Hand in Hand"



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"Hand in Hand We Learn Together"

Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals

Dade County School System has a district plan in place that concentrates on five strategic goals. They are:

- I. Student Achievement
- II. Safe School Environment
- III. Stakeholder Engagement
- IV. Retain Highly Qualified Workforce
- V. Fiscal Accountability



The detailed plan can be accessed on the county webpage at dadecountyschools.org.

Dade Elementary Goals

Dade Elementary staff members collect data year-round and analyze it to identify targeted areas for improvement.

Dade Elementary School Goals:

District Goal 1/DES School Improvement Plan:

Increase Mathematics scores on state mandated assessments for all students in grades 3 - 5. **Targeted Goals:**

- 3% increase in number of students achieving the proficient level
- 3% increase in number of students achieving the distinguished level

Increase ELA scores on state mandated assessments for all students in grades 3—5. **Targeted Goals:**

- 5% increase in number of students achieving the proficient level in grades 3—5.
- 5% increase the number of students achieving the distinguished level in grades 3—5.
- Increase in students meeting the required Lexile level in grades 3—5.
- Increase the amount and quality of student writing through implementing “WOW” time—Working on Writing.

District Goal 2/DES School Improvement Plan

Increase parent involvement for all students in grades K - 5. **Targeted Goal:**

- 3% increase in parent involvement for grades K -5

District Goal 5/DES School Improvement Plan

Implement a school-wide Positive Behavior Support. **Targeted Goals:**

- 3% decrease in discipline referrals for grades K - 5
- 3% decrease in bus discipline referrals for grades K - 5

Teachers, Parents, Students - Hand in Hand Together!

In the 4th Grade Classroom

The 4th grade team will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading, writing, and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- *Spelling lists will come from Spelling City and will link to common core reading standards for 4th grade.*
- *Students will receive on-level interventions and instruction in the classroom in Reading and Math to meet their specific needs as a learner.*
- *Science and Social Studies will be taught in units to extend focus and time in each content area. These will be taught in 4 wk/5wk blocks each 9 weeks.*
- *We will make sure usernames and passwords are in each child's agenda so that on-line learning can be accessed easily from home.*
- *Teachers will have conferences regarding student progress and the Family-School Compact.*

At Home

Dade Elementary parents joined with staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math. Families may have other ideas to add to this list.

- *Encourage your child to read and log 15 pages per night for a total of 300 each month.*
- *Make sure that your child attends school regularly and avoids early check-outs or tardiness.*
- *When possible, parents will help your child access internet-based learning opportunities like I-Ready and Accelerated Reader.*
- *Use Social Studies and Science topics at home to help your child connect what we are learning at school to the real-world and current events.*
- *Make real-world connections and experiences at home to math concepts. Ex. Recipes, counting change, telling time, math facts in the car to and from ball practice.*



At DES, hand in hand we graduate together!

Dade Elementary Students

DES students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- *Have fun connecting what you are learning at school to what you are doing at home.*
- *Make reading fun! Choose books that you are interested in and like to read. Then talk about them with your family. Share a book together! Read to your brothers and sisters.*
- *Love Language! Talk with your family about the kinds of words that they use in speaking and writing. Practice using your spelling and vocabulary words in your conversations.*
- *Look for connections to science and social studies to share with your class.*

