

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 Davis 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 March to update the compact.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

For more information on the 4th Grade Compact please contact : Jessica Howard or Katie Brown



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!

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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 fill out the volunteer form you received at the beginning of the year if you are interested in helping out.

Communication about Student Learning

At Davis 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 semester
- Progress Reports / Report Cards
- SchoolCast Messages (voice and text)

Questions or Comments?

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

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Family-School Compact for Achievement

Focus for Student Success



4TH GRADE

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Our students SOAR above the rest!

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. Student, Parent, & Community Engagement
- III. Internal Processes
- IV. Effective Financial Management
- V. Organizational Culture



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

Davis Elementary Goals

Davis Elementary staff members collect data year-round and analyze it to identify our most important areas for improvement. We use this information to drive our Comprehensive Improvement Plan. We feel our work is never done as we strive to provide the best experience possible for your child.

Goal #1: Develop better assessments that allow teachers to identify student needs and act on them in a timely manner. This includes pre/post testing, standards based grading, and a school wide benchmarking program that will identify specific student needs as they relate to state standards.

Goal #2: Refine our response to intervention program so we better support struggling learners. This includes working to include more flexibility in the structure of the school day and reexamining existing interventions to determine overall effectiveness.

Goal #3: Improved opportunities for higher order thinking in the regular classroom and during special instruction time. The goal is to increase student interest, raise academic rigor, and provide enriching activities that support and extend the basic curriculum.

Visit our website for the most up to date information regarding the Davis CIP.

Teachers, Parents, Students - SOARing 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:

- *Weekly vocabulary and phonics instruction will take the place of spelling tests each week.*
- *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/ 5 wk blocks each 9 weeks.*
- *We will make sure usernames and passwords are in each child's agenda so that online learning can be accessed easily from home.*
- *Teachers will have conferences each semester regarding student progress and the Family-School Compact*

DAVIS ELEMENTARY P.R.I.D.E. Program Davis staff members...

- P**ut children **FIRST**.
- R**each out to students, parents and the community.
- I**dentify struggling students and intervene.
- D**evelop engaging lessons that are rigorous and relevant.
- E**xpect every student to **SOAR** academically and behaviorally.

At Home

Davis Elementary parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math. Here are some suggestions on how parents can best help their children.

- *Encourage their child to read and log an average of 20 minutes per night each week.*
- *Make sure that their child attends school regularly and avoids early check outs or tardiness.*
- *When possible parents will help students access internet-based learning opportunities like iReady, ST Math, Common Lit, and BrainPop.*
- *Use information that teachers send home in parent letters to help your child connect what we are learning in the real-world, and in 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 Davis, graduation is our goal!

Davis Students

Davis students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and SOAR in reading, writing, and math. 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. Talk about them with your family.*
- *Love Language! Talk with your family about the kinds of words that they use in speaking and writing. Then practice using the words they are learning about in the correct way.*
- *Look for connections to science and social studies to share with your class.*

