

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact is an agreement that families, students and teachers develop together. It explains how families and school staff will work together to make sure all students reach grade level standards and can be successful.

The school will - \*Link goals to the School Improvement Plan \*Focus on student learning methods \*Share strategies families can use at home \*Explain how staff and families will communicate about student progress

Jointly Developed - The families, students and staff at Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, families added ideas to make them more specific, and student told us what would help them learn. Meetings and events are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student and family needs. The Compact will be approved at the last Parent Advisory Committee meeting in April or May.

Our family engagement standards provide a framework for how families, schools, and communities can work together to support student success. The standards include welcoming all families, communicating effectively, supporting student success, speaking up for every child, sharing power, and collaborating with community.



We are committed to frequent two-way communication with families about students learning and behavior. Some of the ways you can expect to reach you are:

- \*weekly folders      \*notes or phone calls
- \*school calendar    \*Parent Teacher Conferences
- \*Updates on school website, local radio, newspaper, & social media
- \*remind app            \*

Big Sandy students joined the staff during class to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and make great accomplishments in math & reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school.

1. *Introduce me to a checkbook*
2. *Look at a family budget / expenses together*
3. *Write something on Wednesdays (Letter, poem, family story, feelings etc)*
4. *Tell an adult something you read or are reading at school*
5. *Count money and make change in different amounts*
6. *Talk about historical event and tie it to our family history*
7. *Allow me to visit a college and/or technical school*
8. *Volunteer places to see the skills I will need to perform jobs of interest.*

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Encourage participation extra curricular activities  
such as but not limited to

*Student Council    Fellowship of Christian Athletes*

*BETA club    Math Competitions in Parsons*

*Geography & Spelling Bee*

*Tennessee Promise    TN Scholars    After school tutoring*

*School advertised scholarships & others*

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Tests students at Big Sandy High School will be scheduled to take this year as mandated by the state or local government are:

STAR, Written Expression, Common Assessments (CA), ACT Senior Retak, PSAT, Civics test, AimsWeb, Midterms, Fall Semester Exams, NAEP, ELL, TCAP Alternate, TNReady, TNReady End-of-Course, Dual Credit, Advance Placement, Spring Semester Exams

For a complete listing of dates, times, and more details visit website

**Benton County Schools - Resources - Documents - Assessment Calendar**

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Families are encouraged to contribute comments or suggestion at any time.

If you would like to volunteer or participate in the school environment please contact your teacher, school office or Family Involvement Coordinator, Karen Hudson, at 731-584-5511

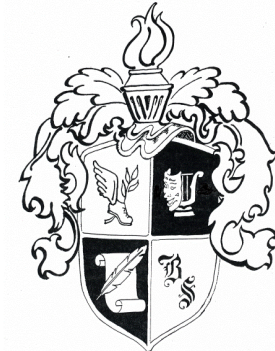
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**School-Parent  
Compact  
Grades 9-12**

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## Our Goals for Student Achievement



The Board of Education set goals for the entire district.

School Goals- Our school administration and teachers have studied the student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our goals align with the district goals and are as follows:

**Increase Reading/Language Arts proficiency & RTI ongoing improvements**

**Increase Academic Achievement in Math**

**College and Career Ready Students**

**Early Learning with K-3 Effectiveness using Kindergarten Portfolios & Read to Be Ready K-3 effective literacy practices**

**Concentration on extended writing grades 3-12**

**Access Early Postsecondary Coursework**

Grade level meetings are focused on aligning instruction with state standards. They also discuss data and strategies.

### MY Goals

Math - \_\_\_\_\_

Reading - \_\_\_\_\_

Writing - \_\_\_\_\_

My teacher can help me by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My family can help me by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Teachers, Families, Students *Let's Be Better Together*

During Open House, your child's teacher will discuss ways in which families and school staff can work together to ensure respect & responsibility are valued.

### Character Counts

All students will be exposed to the six character traits that help our school be a positive experience for all students and staff. Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, & Citizenship.

### Attendance Matters

School Attendance is a priority. We expect constant communication considering attendance and being on time.

Big Sandy School has Parent Teacher Partners (PTP) meeting to discuss school events & funding

Our school welcomes you to be a member of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). It meets three times a year to discuss a wide variety of academic components.

### Report Cards

Report cards will come home every nine weeks. The report should be returned with a signature and conversation is encouraged.

Some school events are book fair, career day, grandparent night, lunch visitors, field trips, Veterans' recognitions day, sporting events, awards day

We have a wide variety of community services and support. Please see our Family & Community Involvement Plan in your school handbook which is updated yearly.

Classrooms will work with students and families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key strategies and ideas for students & families that we use at school & you can use at home are

- \* Use a planner and write down what needs to be done in order to help with time management
- \* Create a binder or other supplies that can help you be organized
- \* Google "ACT prep" and take practice test
- \* Be on time everyday - People are fired from jobs for being late.
- \* Ask questions when you don't really understand
- \* Highlight important facts as you read for understanding
- \* Create note cards to study for a test
- \* Calculate the taxes on a purchase or the % for a tip or down payment



Useful websites for students and families other than these listed can be found in the District Parent Handbook—Family Engagement Section

[Khanacademy.org](http://Khanacademy.org)  
Get help with what is being studied

[Sis-psvue.tnk12.gov](http://Sis-psvue.tnk12.gov) - Ask for your login  
View student grades, attendance & more

[www.education.com](http://www.education.com)  
worksheets, online games, and plans

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Studentaid.ed.gov - grants for school & more