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School-Parent Compact
Grades K - 8
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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.

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. Tell the family what time it is. Add minutes and take away minutes.
2. Count money from a special cup of coins. Group coins that are alike.
3. Tell an adult what book you recently read. Name the characters.
5. Take turns reading a book with an adult. I read and then the adult reads.
6. Don’t let me have so much computer and video game time. Set limits.
7. Help write a budget for home & balance a checkbook
8. Read a newspaper article. Talk about a current event from TV or locally.

Big Sandy School would like to encourage daily attendance and classroom attentiveness of all students each day. School attendance is imperative for student success. Teachers, administrators and staff look forward to working with all students and encouraging them as we all learn and grow together.

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

Brigance, STAR, AimsWeb, Written Expression, Common Assessments (CA), Fall Semester Exams, NAEP, ELL, TCAP Alternate, TNReady, TNReady End-of-Course

For a complete listing of dates, times, and more details visit website Benton County Schools - Resources - Documents - Assessment Calendar

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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, Caring & 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 & sometimes 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.

K - 2 grades
* make flash cards with words
* read 20 minutes daily - words, books, signs
* use go noodle.com at home
* make bingo game using sight words or numbers

3rd - 5th grade
* read 20 minutes daily
* search for answers in text/stories
* say math facts and answer quickly
* count change and make change

6th - 8th grade
* use graphic organizer to discuss ideas
* read a book weekly & talk about the endings
* highlight important words or facts in a passage
* watch the local news for a current event weekly
* look for root words in the newspaper

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