

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

A *School-Parent 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 reach grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Focus on student learning skills
- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress

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## Activities to Build Partnerships

Opportunities to volunteer and participate in your child's school:

- Assist in the library
- Volunteer to help at athletic events
- Assist with our school clubs
- Participate in our school Parent-Teacher-Organization

Each teacher may have specific needs that can be addressed through parent volunteers. Please contact your child's teachers to see how you can help or utilize your talents!

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## Parents-Right-to-Know

A parent has the right to request certain information about their child's teacher including:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.



2023-2024

## School- Parent Compact

for

# Achievement

## Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of West Bemis Middle School developed this School-Parent Compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Title I Site Committee meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs.

- Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.
- If you would like to *volunteer, participate, and/or observe* in the classroom, please contact our school office at 731-988-3810.

**“A Title I School-wide Program”**  
**Richard Willis- Principal**  
**Mitzi Kirk- Assistant Principal**

**230 D Street**  
**Jackson, TN 38301**  
**Phone: 731-988-3810**  
**School Start Time: 7:15**  
**Dismissal Time: 2:30**

## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### School Mission:

*Our mission is to encourage and challenge students to excel in a safe, nurturing, learning environment of high expectations and rigorous academics.*

### School Goals:

School administrators and teachers have studied school data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our two goals for this school year are:

Establish a safe, orderly, and productive learning environment.

Increase reading and math achievement by 5%.

We have common expectations of our students. We want our tigers to show **PRIDE!**

P- Prepared

R- Respectful

I- Integrity

D- Determination

E- Excellence

## Teachers, Parents, Students - Together for Success

### In The Classroom

West Bemis Middle School will work with students and their families to develop students' literacy and mathematical understanding. Some of our key connections with families will include the following:

- We will assess students formally and informally throughout the year. Our assessments will help us adjust instruction to meet student needs.
- Communication with students and parents on a regular basis.
- Reading and math intervention classes will be offered to students who show a deficit in reading or math skills.

### At Home

School parents and staff have developed ideas about how families can support students' literacy and mathematical understanding. Families may have other suggestions to add to the list.

- Participate in Parent-Teacher conferences twice a year.
- Contact teachers at school if a student is struggling in a specific subject.
- Review homework and grades using the district's PowerSchool website on: [www.jmcss.org](http://www.jmcss.org)
- Read at least 20 minutes per night with your child to improve fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

### Students

Students at West Bemis will share the responsibility to improve academic achievement and meet the state's high academic standards. Specifically, the students will:

- Attend school regularly and on-time.
- Be prepared with completed homework assignments and supplies.
- Be engaged in the classroom by asking questions and paying attention.
- Discuss with parent/guardian what is being learned in school.
- Show a positive attitude about learning by respecting parents, teachers, and others.

