

## What is a School-Family Compact?

A School-Family Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together to explain how we can work together to make sure that all of our students reach grade-level standards.

Our compact will:

- Link our goals to the school improvement plan.
- Focus on student learning skills.
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using rigor and relevance.
- Share strategies parents can use at home.
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress.
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in the classroom .

**Jointly Developed :** The parents, students, and staff of Tapp Middle School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific and students were given choices to explore their learning. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. **Parents are welcome to provide feedback at anytime.** Please contact our Parent Facilitator— Mechelle Stephens at [mchelle.stephens@cobbk12.org](mailto:mchelle.stephens@cobbk12.org) or call 770-222-3758 Ext 035.

## Communication about Student Learning

Tapp Middle School is committed to frequent 2-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Daily agendas
- Principal call outs (as needed)
- Updates on the school Website
- Grades posted in ParentVue/StudentVue
- Progress reports sent home
- Updated teacher blogs
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Monthly Newsletter
- Opportunities to volunteer

**Questions about your student's progress?** Contact your student's teacher by phone or by email. Email addresses are on the school website at [www.cobbk12.org/tapp](http://www.cobbk12.org/tapp)

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# Tapp Middle School Goals for Student Achievement

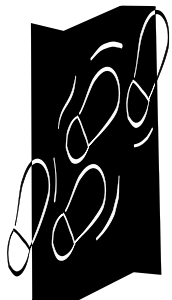
**District Goals for 2018-2019:** The Board of Education set goals for the entire district.

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, 100% of the schools and district will use our collaborative data-driven process, Cobb Collaborative Community (CCC), to improve learning.

CCSD will increase the participation rate of families and communities engaging in services/ programs by 10% as measured by ParentVUE data, survey results & web view module.

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, 100% of the schools and district will use a common assessment to measure the impact of professional learning which will, in turn guide decisions on how best to support teachers and leaders in high poverty/needs schools.

**Tapp Middle School Goals:** Tapp administrators and teachers have studied our student performance data to decide the most important areas of improvement for our school.



**Building the  
foundation  
for success**

- Increase the level of proficiency of students meeting and exceeding in mathematics on the 2018-2019 milestones.
- Increase the number of students who are reading on grade level based on lexile levels on the reading inventory.
- Increase the number of parent volunteers supporting school initiatives and activities.

## In our Classrooms:

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams will work with students and their families to support students' success by:

- Identifying students who need math support. These students will be provided extra help through our Math180 program, as well as after school tutoring.
- Identifying students who need support reaching their correct lexile reading level. Once these students are identified, providing them with support through Read 180 or best practices reading strategies, and before and after school tutoring as needed.
- Identify struggling writers.
- Teachers will regularly update grades in Synergy in the area of Science, ELA, Social Studies and Math.



**Tapp Tigers to  
the Top!!!**

## School wide learning initiatives:

Tapp has adopted a few learning strategies to help your child succeed and to provide consistency across all grade levels and throughout the school.

1. Graphic organizers: Various graphic organizers are used to help students organize their class notes, notebooks, writing, and information gathered during projects.
2. Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports: Our PBIS initiative sets the tone for each classroom for achieving high expectations, establishing learning goals, and rewarding positive behaviors teaching Lifelong Guidelines and Skills.
3. Learning Questions: Daily instruction is posted for student centered learning. The 3 questions are:

“What am I learning today? What am I going to do today to learn? And how will I show that I learned it?”

## As Parents we will:

Tapp Middle School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support their student's success at home:

- Regularly check teacher's blogs and communicate via email or through written form with teachers concerning problems and/or concerns and make sure student are in attendance for all tutoring and other acceleration activities for Math.
- Regularly check students' Lexile and reading counts scores. Inquiring as to what students are reading and what it is about. Check out math games from the parent resource room and other resources available.
- Regularly check our students Science, ELA, and Social Studies and Math grades. Ask them what they are learning in these classes and how it may apply to their every day lives.

## As Students we will:

- Regularly check teacher blogs for Math class information/updates, ask specific questions, and attend all tutoring and other reformative activities.
- Be prepared for Reading counts test and read as often as possible.
- Check teacher blogs and check out materials that can help assist with a better Science, ELA, Social Studies and Math understanding. Attend tutoring and ask specific questions to make sure needs are being met.

## Building Partnerships:

- August 30, 2019—Open House All Grade Levels 6:30pm
- September 6, 2018—Volunteer Orientation 6:00pm (Parent Resource Room)
- Oct. 9, 2018—Fiesta Latina Night 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Theater/Cafeteria)
- October 15th—19th 2018- Parent-Teacher and Student Conference Week
- November 1, 2018 –ELA/SS Math and Science Night - 6pm
- October 5, 2018, November 2, 2018, January 11, 2019, March 1, 2019 and April 12, 2019 –8:30am Tapp Pride Breakfast with the Mayor
- Parent Resource Center