

What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School 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.

Jointly Developed with Parents

The parents of Four Seasons A+ Elementary School helped develop this Compact for Achievement. School wide meetings are held each year to update the compact. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

For more information on the K-3 compact, please contact Karen Shanahan at Karen.shanahan@spps.org or 651.325.2400.

Communicating about Learning

Four Seasons A+ Elementary School is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- Monthly *Spotlight* email
- Website: www.spps.org/fourseasons
- Teachers will provide contact information at the start of the school year.

If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact their teacher.

Activities to Support Partnerships

Conferences

Four Seasons will be offering virtual Family Teacher Conferences. To accommodate families, we will host conferences during several weeks in fall and spring. Look for more information to come from your teacher.

Nov. 8-Dec. 3 (daytime November 19)

March 7-31 (daytime March 25)

Parent Workshops & Advocacy

Monthly Community Gatherings - dates/times and virtual links posted in the *Spotlight*

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) in Kindergarten, grades 4-5, and the DHH program

Year in Review Tuesday, May 17, 6:00-7:00 pm

Family Engagement Events

Meet & Greet September 7, 4:00-6:00 pm

Pre-K Family Day fall & spring (TBD) National

African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) February 14

Classroom Visits & Volunteering

While Four Seasons A+ encourages parents/guardians to visit, COVID-19 protocols may limit the time parents can spend in the building. Please call the office, 651 290-7595 for current guidelines.

Four Seasons A+ Elementary School

K-3 Compact
2021-2022

Home & School Partnership
for Student Success



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District Goals

District Goals for Student Achievement

More at spps.org/strategicplan

- Decrease disparities based on race, ethnicity, culture and identity
- Increase achievement of English Learners
- Increase achievement of students receiving special education services
- Improve kindergarten readiness
- Increase academic growth in reading and math for all students
- Prepare all graduates for college, career and life

School Goals

Reading:

The percent of student scoring proficient or higher in reading will increase from 15% to 25% by Spring 2022 as measured by the MCA.

Math:

The percent of students scoring proficient or higher in math will increase from 15% to 25% by Spring 2022 as measured by the MCA.

In the K-3 Classrooms

K-3 teams will work with students and their families to support students' academic success. During a regular school day, one hundred thirty-five minutes are spent in literacy (reading/writing) lessons and practice; seventy-five minutes are spent in math review, lessons, and practice. A WINN teacher will lead additional small reading groups to build reading skills and reading stamina.

Arts integration will enhance learning in all subjects while each grade will also have specialists in visual arts, dance, music, and theater. Teachers will teach with high expectations based on the belief that each student can learn.

Some key connections with families will be:

- Monthly newsletters sharing what is happening in the classroom
- Class web pages updated with newsletters and links to explore learning at home.
- Interesting, at-level books will be provided for home reading.
- Seesaw will be used in grades K-2 to share student work. Schoology will be used in grade 3 to view course work.
- Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) in Kindergarten.

At Home

Parents and families play an important role in supporting their students' learning. Here are some things parents have said they can do at home to help their student:

- Encourage your child to read at home each day.
- Talk to your child about their school day and ask what they are learning.
- Attend Conferences in fall and spring.
- Make sure your students are at school every day, on time, unless they have a fever or are seriously ill. Inform the office of absences.
- Communication goes both ways: your teacher will call or write home, and YOU are also welcome to call or write emails/notes to your teacher at any time.
- Look for the monthly *Spotlight* email and check in backpacks regularly.
- Use Seesaw (K-2) and Schoology (grade 3) to follow my child's classwork.

Four Seasons A+ Students

Four Seasons A+ Elementary School students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Read books at their reading level each day.
- Talk about your school day with your family.
- Bring home newsletters, notes, and other communication from school and return them to the teacher when necessary.