

# Tennessee Middle School 2023-2024 School - Family Compact

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A School – Parent (Family) Compact is an agreement that families, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how families and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade level standards.

### **Effective Compacts:**

- Link goals to the School Improvement Plan.
- Focus on student learning skills.
- Describe how teachers will help students develop skills using high-quality instruction.
- Share strategies families can use at home.
- Explain how teachers and families will communicate about student progress.

## Jointly Developed

The students, families, and staff of Tennessee Middle School developed this School – Parent (Family) Compact. Meetings and events are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. Families are welcome to contribute comments and suggestions at any time.

## Activities to Build Partnerships

- PTA meetings
- Parent Teacher Conferences/ Data Meetings
- Open House/ Honors Day

\*Detailed information about possible events will be sent via our school website, email, and using our calling system.



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## **Communication About Student Learning**

**Tennessee Middle School is committed to frequent two – way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:**

- Updates on the school website and social media platforms
- Grades and feedback via Canvas and PowerSchool
- Parent – Teacher conferences

## **Do you have questions about your student's progress?**

Contact your student's teacher by calling the school or emailing them directly. Emails can be found in our staff directory on our school website: [tms.btcs.org](https://tms.btcs.org). You may also contact your student's teacher through Canvas.

# ***Our Goals for Student Achievement***

## **District Mission Statement**

The mission of Bristol Tennessee City Schools is to ensure students achieve college and career readiness through academic excellence.

## **School Goals**

Tennessee Middle School's goal is to meet all students where they are currently and help them grow academically as far as possible during their time with us! We will focus on providing a safe and secure learning environment, create a positive school culture, and deliver high-quality instruction. This focus will help support our students as they prepare to become ready for post-graduate success. Specific school goals include: Maintain or decrease the percentile rank of students performing at Level 1 (Below) on standardized testing, maintain or improve the number of students performing at Level 3 (meets expectations) or Level 4 (exceeds expectations) on standardized testing, achieve or exceed a level 3 TVAAS composite score, and to be clearly focused on every student growing at least one year academically during the school year of 2023-2024.

## ***Teachers, families, students – Together for Success***

### **Teachers will ensure that...**

- We will promote a positive and safe learning environment and administer conduct standards consistently.
- TMS will monitor attendance and notify the family if there are attendance and/or tardy issues.
- We will provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the students to meet State Academic Standards by: thoughtfully and professionally planning instruction, providing appropriate special classes as needed, and maintaining high expectations for all.

### **Families will ensure that...:**

- Students attend school daily and are on time, well rested, and prepared for the day.
- Activities that interfere with school success are limited.
- Maintain awareness of school policy and procedures and review all school/system notices.
- An open line of communication is available.
- They respond promptly to the school's attempt to communicate.
- Participating in education decisions and attending meetings (as necessary) is a priority.
- Support is given to the child and the school by expecting appropriate behavior, helping the student take responsibility for his/her actions and modeling a respectful attitude.

### **Students will ensure that...**

- Students will share the responsibility to improve academic achievement and aim to achieve TN State standards to the highest extent they are capable.
- Students will come to school daily, on time, well rested, and prepared for school.
- Students will ask for help when in need.
- Students will know and follow the policies and procedures of the handbook.
- Students will be responsible for delivering and/or returning communication to and from school as necessary.
- Students will behave respectfully toward the school, adults, and peers.
- Students will be responsible for their actions.
- Students will prioritize school and school success.

