

## What is a School - Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, school staff and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The New Manchester High School Parent Compact:

- Is linked to the goals on the school improvement plan
- Focuses on student learning skills
- Describes how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Shares strategies parents can use at home
- Explains how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describes opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom



## How is the School - Parent Compact Developed?

The parents, students, staff, and teachers of New Manchester High School will contribute to the ongoing development of this Compact. Teachers will be asked to suggest home learning resources, parents will be asked to add ideas to make them more specific to their needs, and students will be told what resources are available to help them be successful in high school. The Compact will be reviewed each year during parent-teacher advisement conferences and changes will be made based on input received. Parents can contribute ideas by contacting Mrs. Tekmekia Gilchrist.

## Building Partnerships

New Manchester High School provides many opportunities that parents can utilize to help their children succeed. Our Teachers, Counselors and College and Career Center Specialist work in partnership with students and parents to map out a plan for high school graduation, as well as determine next steps to ensure that our students are college and career ready. Parents are invited to attend a variety of events throughout the year to meet with teachers, counselors and advisors to discuss their child's progress towards credit completion and graduation.

## Communication about Student Learning

New Manchester High School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you include the following:

- ◇ The school website is updated frequently throughout the week. It can be viewed at <https://nmhs.dcsga.org>.
- ◇ Parent-teacher conferences are held upon request through your child's counselor.
- ◇ Progress reports and report cards will be issued quarterly.
- ◇ NMHS maintains an active social media presence through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- ◇ Teachers also utilize teacher webpages, Remind and direct email to keep parents up-to-date with information concerning their specific courses.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

## SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2019-2020

## New Manchester High School

*#JaguarSTRONG: Where Scholarship, Talent, Respect, Opportunity, Noble Intentions and Gratitude are our focus.*



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## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### Douglas County School System Goals

- To improve community engagement and involvement in district initiatives and decisions making
- To enhance and improve school district communication strategies and practice
- To provide a challenging, comprehensive instructional and curricular program for all learners

### NMHS Graduation Rate Target

New Manchester High School will seek to achieve and maintain a graduation rate of 90% and above.

### Student Achievement Targets

Based upon the NMHS 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan, NMHS will demonstrate 6% growth based on the percentage of students scoring at **Proficient** and **Distinguished** levels on the End-of-Course assessments.

### *Building Partnerships*

At New Manchester High School, parents are encouraged to reach out to teachers anytime you have questions or concerns about your child's performance. Teacher email addresses and phone numbers can be found at <https://nmhs.dcssga.org> under the "Departments" heading. Parents may also schedule parent-teacher conferences by contacting your child's counselor.

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## TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS—

### *Preparing students for graduation at New Manchester High School*

#### Teachers will...

- Collaborate weekly with common course team to develop lesson plans that include rigor and remediation.
- Provide parents with resources to help their child at home with grade level/content skills.

#### Parents will:

- Access the school website and teacher webpages to get up to date class information.
- Participate in school activities such as attending parent/teacher conferences, grade level parent information nights, and annual advisement/registration conferences.

#### Students will:

- Complete credits to meet graduation requirements.
- Utilize teacher tutorials and online resources to support content mastery.
- Let my parents and teachers know when I do not understand.

### *Preparing Students for College and Career at New Manchester High School*

#### Teachers will...

- Serve as advisors to students to monitor their progress towards graduation from 9th-12th grades.
- Facilitate annual advisement conferences with parents to inform them of their child's progress towards graduation

#### Parents will:

- Partner with school counselors to access their child's individual skills and preparation for college and career readiness.
- Participate in school activities such as attending parent/teacher conferences, grade level parent information nights, and annual advisement/registration conferences.

#### Students will:

- Utilize a variety of assessments to measure their skills and preparation for college and career readiness.
- Develop relationships with their counselor and advisor to receive information and resources to prepare for college and career

### Do you have questions about your child's progress?

You may view your child's grades, attendance and behavior at any time by accessing *Infinite Campus Parent Portal*.

The website is <https://campus.douglas.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/douglas.jsp>



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## School-Parent Compact Cover Sheet New Manchester High School

**2019-2020**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

New Manchester High School students and their families are encouraged to participate in the school-parent compact. The compact outlined in the brochure outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. In addition, it describes how the school staff and parents will build and develop a partnership that will provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate mastery of the Georgia Standards of Excellence.

After reviewing the brochure, please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return this form to your child's advisor. Keep the School-Parent Compact brochure as a reminder of your commitment. We look forward to an outstanding working relationship throughout the school year.

School Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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