

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the focus areas of the Compact?

Common goals will support key strategies surrounding:

- K-12
- Early Childhood Education
- Parent Academy
- Higher Education
- Workforce

What are the goals of the Education Compact, and what are the desired outcomes of achieving them?

The Compact has six goals:

- All students graduate from high school
- All students have access to and are prepared for college or career success
- All students have access to pathways to sustainable jobs and careers
- All students develop an appreciation for the arts
- All students develop healthy lifestyle habits
- All students develop a sense of social responsibility

The desired outcomes will lead to:

- Improve rates of school readiness
- Increase high school graduation rates
- Increase access to post-secondary credentials
- Create an aligned and productive workforce

What is the intended time frame of this Compact?

This Compact is a plan with one-year benchmarks to be reviewed at an annual Education Summit.

Who are the Compact's targeted stakeholders?

Individuals from the following sectors:

- Education Institutions
- Business
- Government
- Philanthropy

- Parents & Family
- Community-Based Organizations

How will the Compact's success be evaluated?

The Alachua County Education Compact signatories commit to regularly measuring the Compact's progress in pursuit of the six overarching goals listed above. To achieve these goals, the Alachua County Education Compact formed a Stewardship Committee and several workgroups. Each group is developing joint strategies and initiatives and aggregating measurable community data to address shared interests across Alachua County Education Compact goals.

The Stewardship Committee serves as the coordinating body of the Alachua County Education Compact by guiding strategic priorities and accountability measures. The desired outcomes for the Alachua County Education Compact are to increase school readiness rates, access to post-secondary credentials and high school graduation rates and create an aligned and productive workforce.

How will the Education Compact work?

The Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce will lead the Education Compact, which augments and coordinates existing efforts by bridging the gap between academia and business. A Stewardship Committee of select signers will serve as the coordinating body to elevate the Compact success.

Compact signers commit to being responsible for their organization's role in the progress and development of the Compact and the achievement of its goals.

Who are the Compact signers?

As of June, 2015, confirmed Compact signers include:

1. John Carlson – Chair, Gainesville Chamber and CEO, Charles Perry Partners, Inc.
2. Tim Giuliani – President and CEO, Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce
3. Ed Potts – President, Alachua Chamber of Commerce
4. Dr. Owen Roberts – Superintendent, Alachua County Public Schools
5. Leanetta McNealy – Chair, School Board of Alachua County
6. Dr. Jackson Sasser – President, Santa Fe College
7. Dr. Kent Fuchs – President, University of Florida
8. Ed Braddy – Mayor, City of Gainesville
9. Doug Jones – Mayor, City of Archer
10. Gib Coerper – Mayor, City of Alachua
11. Rick Staab – Chair, Gainesville Chamber Talent Alignment Committee and President and CEO, Intermed Biomedical

12. Rose Fagler – Community Relations Manager, Plum Creek
13. Karen McCann – President, Alachua County Education Association
14. Deborah Bowie – President and CEO, United Way
15. Rodney Long – President, Martin Luther King Commission
16. Judy Boles – Executive Director, Education Foundation of Alachua County
17. Diane Smith – Executive Director, Junior Achievement
18. Don Davis – Vice-Chair, CareerSource North Central Florida Board
19. Sadie Darnell – Sheriff, Alachua County Sheriff Office
20. Evelyn Foxx – President, Alachua County Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
21. Kevin Monroe – Executive Director of Operations Central Florida, Cox Communications