

Alachua County Education Compact Declaration of Support

The Alachua County Education Compact is a collaborative of Alachua County's education institutions, business, government, philanthropy, parents and families, community-based organizations and workforce development working to create systemic change that better prepares students for higher education and sustainable careers. It is modeled after a similar effort that began in Los Angeles known as the L.A. Compact.

The Alachua County Education Compact signatories commit to regularly measuring the Compact's progress in pursuit of six overarching goals:

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

To achieve these goals, the Alachua County Education Compact will create a Stewardship Committee and several workgroups aimed at developing joint strategies and initiatives along with aggregating measurable community data to address shared interests across the goals listed above.

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 and high school graduation rates, improve access to post-secondary credentials and create an aligned and productive workforce.

The Education Compact will augment and help to coordinate existing efforts and bridge the gap between academia and business by seizing opportunities to connect business and community leaders with tomorrow's workforce today.

By signing the Alachua County Education Compact, I pledge to support its goals, contribute to its positive outcomes and implement measures to ensure its sustainability.