



Wrightsboro Elementary School

Today we learn. Tomorrow we lead.

Delores Overby, Principal

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Dear Cool Cat Families ,

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in **New Hanover County Schools**, I am writing this letter to let you know that **Wrightsboro Elementary**, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is under-performing. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, **Wrightsboro Elementary** is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor the progress of our school. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for **Wrightsboro** this year:

All sub-groups will grow 10% in Reading, as outlined by each team growth plan .

By June 2021, the percentage of student receiving office referrals will decrease from 37% to 20%.

All sub-groups will grow by 10% in Science, as outlined by 5th grade's growth plan.

All sub-groups will grow by 10% in math, as outlined by each team growth plan.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies **Wrightsboro Elementary** will be implementing:

Common Planning for teachers each week

Small group instruction

1:1 support as needed

Focusing on strategies for our particular sub- groups of students

ESL support in the ESL classroom as well as in the general education classroom

Interventions for struggling students

Enrichment for students excelling in the core curriculum

Providing high quality PD for teachers and teacher assistants

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call **Wrightsboro Elementary 910-815-6909** if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites <https://wrightsboro.nhcs.net/> **Facebook and Instagram.**
- Join the **Wrightsboro PTO**

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- ***Insert school and/or community resources with contact information***
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. We have:

Great Reading and Writing Curriculum as well as Eureka Math Curriculum, teachers will be providing small group instruction to enrich student knowledge or intervention to reteach challenging areas.

Sincerely,

Delores Overby, Principal
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