



# HOKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student at Hoke County High School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Hoke County High School 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, Hoke County High School 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 Hoke County High School for the next four (4) years:

- By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, Hoke County High School will increase the number of EL students exiting the program by 5% annually as measured by the English Learner progress.



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- By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, the overall attendance of Hoke County High School EL students will increase by fifteen (15) percent.

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 Hoke County High School will be implementing:

- All teachers will utilize a three-tiered system of support (MTSS) to implement effective strategies for ELL students that will promote positive behavior and increase attendance and academic achievement.
- All teachers will participate in professional development addressing the instructional needs of special populations and struggling learners.
- EL teachers will document progress of students in an Alternative Behavior Educator (ABE) designed as a preventative measure for attendance, academics, and behaviors. EL teachers will share this information with administrators and counselors to track student progress and identify specific needs of individual students.

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).
- Contact the main office at (910)875-2156 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.
- If your child is in the ESL program, contact Amber Douse, school administrator over ESL.
- 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 [\*HCHS Website\*](#) and [\*HCHS Facebook\*](#)
- Volunteer.
- Join the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO).

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:

- HCHS School Improvement Team Contact: Amber Douse, Assistant Principal (amber.douse@hcs.k12.nc.us)
- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/)



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- 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. Already, we have:

- **Analyzed trends of our EL student population and created specific goals targeted towards academic improvement.**
- **Brainstormed, through school improvement team meetings, ways to actively engage parents/guardians of EL students.**

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Dr. Thomas Benson at [thomas.benson@hcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:thomas.benson@hcs.k12.nc.us) or (910)875-2156.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Benson*

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