

Nations Ford Elementary

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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As a parent/guardian of a student in Nations Ford Elementary, I am writing this letter to let you know that Nations Ford 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, Nations Ford 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 Nations Ford Elementary this year:

- The percent of Black and Hispanic 3rd grade students combined who score at the College and Career Ready (CCR) level -- a 4 or 5 -- on the English Language Arts (ELA) EOG will increase from 4.5% in SY2021-22 to 27.3% in SY 2022-23 and 50% in SY 2023-24.
- We will exceed expected Educator Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) growth for our overall school index in SY2022-23 and SY 2023-24.
- The percent of students reporting a positive self-perception of their self-efficacy will increase from 52% on the Fall 2021 Panorama Screener (in Grades 3-5) to 60% in SY2022-23 and 68% in SY 2023-24.
- The percent of students reporting a positive self-perception of their self-management will increase from 63% on the Fall 2021 Panorama Screener (in Grades 3-5) to 69% in SY 2022-23 and 75% in SY 2023-24.

- from 67% on the Fall 2021 Panorama Screener (in Grades 3-5) to 72% in SY 2022-23 and 77% in SY 2023-24.

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 Nations Ford Elementary will be implementing:

- Implementing Caring Schools with fidelity in grades K-5
- Daily WIN Time in grades K-4
- Ongoing staff professional development
- Additional support staff was hired to ensure the needs of all students are met
- Triangulating data to make informed decisions throughout the school year

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 Mr. May at 980-343-5838, 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://www.cmsk12.org/nationsfordES>
- Volunteer.
- Ensure you are signed up for Parent Square.

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:

- 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://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student(s). Already, we have:

- Hosted 300+ families at our back-to-school Open House in August.
- Held first quarter parent teacher conferences in grades K-5
- Hosted two successful student developed spirit weeks.