



Guilford
COUNTY SCHOOLS

Deena A. Hayes | Chairperson, Board of Education
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

October 3, 2025

Dear Guilford County Families and Community Members,

The [NC School Report Card](#) website provides important data related to student achievement and progress from the 2024-25 school year. We are seeing tremendous growth in Guilford County Schools.

In the 2024-25 school year, 77% of schools met or exceeded growth, an increase of four percentage points from 2018-19, the last tested year before the pandemic. Thirty-one GCS schools exceeded growth, an increase of 19 schools since 2021-22.

We are seeing remarkable progress in early literacy -- every student group showed double-digit percentage point increases in early literacy skills as measured by the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). And GCS students outpaced statewide recovery in math for grades 3-8, with Math 3 scores surpassing pre-pandemic levels.

Our graduation rate remained high at 92.1%, continuing a 10-year-streak of outperforming the state average. We are also proud to note that our students are graduating with more than just a diploma -- many already have college credit. GCS students took 10,774 college courses and 12,732 AP courses last year, with two-thirds of them earning a Level 3 or higher and 90% earning a grade of C or better in their college courses. Hundreds more earned industry-recognized credentials or took part in a workplace experience such as an internship.

Through the Guilford Guarantee, we promise that every student will graduate with a plan for their future and be prepared to take on the world. To learn more about our outstanding opportunities, visit www.gcsnc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Whitney Oakley".

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