

We have set the following goals for Gateway Education Center this year:

- By June of 2026, Gateway will experience a 10% increase in parent and family participation as well as support all students with transitioning to post-secondary programs or services.
- By June of 2026, Gateway will retain 95% of current staff through creating structures and processes.
- By June of 2026, 100% of Gateway staff will implement strategies on best practices in the areas of functional skills to allow instructional access.
- By June of 2026, 100% of Gateway staff will utilize data collected and analyzed to develop new IEP goals.

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 Sara Jones (Principal) 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 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://gatewayec.gcsnc.com/>).
- Volunteer.

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/
- K-12 standards on the Extended Content Standards:

www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children

- 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. Already, we have:

- We are implementing and reviewing best instructional practices.
- Collecting and analyzing data.
- Modifying student IEP goals and instruction.
- Planning for students transitioning.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Sara Jones at joness19@gcsnc.com or (336) 375-2575

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