

Albemarle Road Middle School
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year is off to a successful start for you and your child. I am writing this letter to let you know that **Albemarle Road Middle School** has been designated as a Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Per ESSA Section 1111(d)(2)(C), schools are identified as ATSI schools in North Carolina because one or more of the following subgroups received a subgroup performance grade score at or below the highest identified CSI-LP school's All Students group during the identification year; and is on the TSI-CU list for the subgroup(s) for the previous year. Subgroup performance scores are provided for the following subgroups: (1) Students with Disabilities, (2) Economically Disadvantaged, (3) Black, (4) White, (5) Hispanic, (6) Asian-Pacific Islander, (7) Multi-racial, and (8) English Learners. This letter is to notify our parents and guardians of **Albemarle Road Middle School** intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a ATSI school, **Albemarle Road Middle School** is required to develop an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve outcomes for underperforming subgroups. The plan will also include strategies that our district or charter will employ to support **Albemarle Road Middle School** improvement efforts. The ATSI plan will address the following areas

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

We have set the following goals for **Albemarle Road Middle School** this year:

- **EARN** 90% College & Career Readiness on the 2026 Math 1 EOC
- **EARN** 60% GLP in Science on the 2026 NC EOG.
- **EARN** 42% GLP in Math and Reading on the 2026 NC EOG.
- **DECREASE** OSS to fewer than 20% of students by June 2026.
- **INCREASE** our parental partnership.

Here are some strategies that we will be implementing to improve student outcomes:

- Refine our capacity to academically monitor, gather immediate qualitative data, and make in-the-moment adjustments to correct student misconceptions.
- Increase communication, education, and the voice of families within and across the school.
- Deepen and systematize data-driven small group instruction.
- Ensure student tasks meet or exceed the complexity outlined in the standard.

Hornets, we are charging ahead at full throttle and we are not slowing down! With your support, this year will be one of achievement, growth, and outstanding success. “**All Gas, No Brakes!**”

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

- Ensure that both you and your child know the academic expectations set for your child this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call our school counselors at 980-343-6420 **Abby Miller abbey.miller@cms.k12.nc.us or Adrienne James Adrienne.james@cms.k12.nc.us** 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 child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).

Keep track of our website and social media sites <https://albemarleroadms.cmsk12.org/>, @ Albemarle Road Middle IB Academy (Facebook), arms.ib.academy (IG), and @armshornets (TikTok)

- Volunteer.
- Join the **School Improvement Team**

Additionally, listed below are a few 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://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

We are committed to improving student performance. It is important to remember that just as no single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about a school's performance or the opportunities that our school provides. The intent of receiving these designations is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child. Already, we have:

- Exceeded growth in 2024-2025 & 2023-2024
- North Carolina School to Watch 2024
- Nasa Science Club that created a weather device that went into space
- School Clubs
- Data driven small group instruction daily in all classes
- Increasing our inclusion model in all classrooms
- Principal-Student Advisory Team

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Toni Perry** at toni.perry@cms.k12.nc.us 980-343-6420.

Sincerely,

Toni Perry

Toni Perry, Principal