

Ridge 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 Ridge Road Middle School has been designated as an 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 Ridge Road Middle School's intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As an ATSI school, Ridge 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 Ridge Road Middle School's 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
- Family and Community Engagement

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

- *The percent of students scoring College and Career Ready (CCR) on reading End of Grade assessments in grades 6-8 will increase from 15.2% in SY2024-25 to 25% in SY2025 (Aligns to A2.04 and B3.03 and CMS Goal 2)*
- *The percent of students scoring College and Career Ready (CCR) for students with Disabilities on reading End of Grade assessments in grades 6-8 Reading will increase from 5.8% in SY2024-25 to 18% in SY2024-25. (Aligns to A4.01, B3.03, D1.02, and CMS Guardrail 1)*
- *The percent of students scoring at Grade Level Proficiency on the Math EOG will increase from 34.2% in the 24-25 SY to 45% in the 25-26 SY.*

- • *The percent of students scoring at Grade Level Proficiency on the Reading EOG will increase from 36.1% in the 24-25 SY to 45% in the 25-26 SY.*

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

- **List all applicable specific strategies/action steps:**
- • ***Through the use of focus and targeted PLC meetings, including modeling, data review, and interpretation, 85% of all teachers will grow by one level as measured on the NC teacher evaluation instrument under standard 4. (Goals 2 & 3)***
- • ***Grade level PLCs will review student data monthly to make adjustments to student plans and or interventions to meet each individual need. The data will be used to either adjust core practices or provide supplemental support for students who require it.***
- • ***Within the 2025-26 school year, our CSI-LP school will implement the following evidence-based intervention (Small group instruction, clearly defined learning goals) to increase overall student performance for students identified with disabilities. (Goals 2 & 3 & Guardrail 1)***

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 Ridge Road Middle School 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.
- Volunteer.
- Join the Ridge Road Middle School PTSA

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:

- • Increased student engagement and achievement through small group instruction
- • Enhanced teacher effectiveness through professional development
- • Built community partnerships with several local businesses

- • Had outstanding athletic fall seasons
- • Drama and Dance teams

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Daniel Gray** at **980-344-3410** or daniel.gray@cms.k12.nc.us

Sincerely,

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