

ASHE COUNTY 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 Ashe County Middle School has been designated as an Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. In North Carolina, a school is identified as ATSI if any student subgroup scores at or below the performance level of the lowest-performing CSI-LP school's All Students group, and that subgroup was also on the TSI-CU list the year before.

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 our school's intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming students in subgroup (1) *Students with Disabilities in Math* as well as close achievement gaps for all students.

Because ACMS is an ATSI school, we must create an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that explains how we will improve results for the underperforming subgroup. The plan will also outline the strategies our district will use to support these improvement efforts. The ATSI plan will focus on 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

Parent engagement is a key part of our school improvement efforts, and 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 your child's teachers 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.
- Ensure 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 PTO

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 working hard to help all students do better. Just like one test doesn't tell the whole story about a student, it also doesn't tell everything about a school or what we offer. These designations are meant to help us improve learning for every student, close gaps, and make teaching even stronger. We're excited about this school year and are focused on helping your child succeed. So far, we have:

- Leader in Me Program
- Beta Club and Student Lighthouse team
- Exceeding Growth 8th Math
- Meeting Growth 7th and 8th ELA and Science.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at sherrie.hines@ashe.k12.nc.us or 336-649-8460.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Hines
Principal

