



Scenic Hills Elementary School



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year the Tennessee Department of Education examines schools' performance across several different indicators to provide an overall look at how schools are serving the needs of all students. The department of education included the following indicators in its analysis of school accountability:

- Student achievement
- Student growth
- English learner proficiency exam (ELPA)
- Chronic absenteeism
- Ready graduate (high school only)
- Graduation rate (high school only)

More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the [2024-25 Federal Accountability Protocol](#). Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the department is required to use the school accountability results to identify those schools with the lowest performance across student groups (e.g., individual racial/ethnic student groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and English learners). These schools will receive additional supports from the department.

We are writing to inform you that **Scenic Hills Elementary** is identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2025-26 school year.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by *implementing the following targeted supports*:

- ***During-the-Day Tutoring for Grades 3-5:*** Scholars receive additional small-group instruction during the school day focused on strengthening reading comprehension, foundational math skills, and problem-solving aligned to state standards.
- ***Specialized Educational Assistants (Grades K-2):*** Dedicated assistants provide daily small-group reading intervention to ensure students are mastering foundational literacy skills and reading on grade level by the end of second grade.
- ***Arise 2 Read Community Partnership:*** Our Arise 2 Read volunteers visit The HILL twice per week to tutor students on the 1,000 most frequently used words in reading. This high-impact strategy builds automatic word recognition and improves reading fluency and confidence.

These programs are designed to provide targeted, high-quality instruction so every student can grow and achieve at high levels. We encourage you to partner with us by actively engaging in the following opportunities:

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Shelby County Schools offers educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, creed, age, disability, national origin, or genetic information.

- Joining our **School-Based Decision Making Council (SBDM)** and/or **Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)** to help guide school improvement decisions.
- Attending our monthly **Family Engagement Events**, including:
 - *Donuts with Dad*
 - *Moms Matter*
 - *Family Pajama Math Night*
 - *STEM in Action Night*
 - *Parents as Partners Event*

Additionally, families can support student success by:

- Ensuring daily attendance and arriving on time.
- Reading with your child for at least 20 minutes each night.
- Practicing high-frequency words and math facts at home.
- Maintaining regular communication with your child's teacher.

Together, as a united school community, we can ensure every scholar at Scenic Hills Elementary thrives academically and socially.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jami Fowler-White', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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