



Eastover Elementary School

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As a parent/guardian of a student in Eastover Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Eastover has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. This means that our school has a testing group (subgroup) that is under-performing on state assessments in 3rd-5th grade. This group of students in grade 3-5 are in the testing group titled economically disadvantaged (ED).

Eastover Elementary is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The comprehensive plan will address 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 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 or email your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet virtually 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 your student's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our school website and social media sites.
- Volunteer (when applicable)
- Join Eastover PTA

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students to 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/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact our main office for assistance at 980-343-5505.

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