

**Charlotte East Language Academy**

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**Dear Parent/Guardian:**

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in ***Charlotte East Language Academy***  I am writingthis letter to let you know that ***Charlotte East Language Academy***  has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. ESSA Section 1111(d)(2) stated that North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is underperforming. This opportunity intends to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, ***Charlotte East Language Academy is required*** to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor our school's progress. 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

We have set the following goals for ***Charlotte East Language Academy*** this year:

* The percent of K-2 students scoring at or above benchmark in early literacy as measured by DIBELS will increase from 75% in June 2024 to 80% in June 2025 to 91% by 2029.
* We will exceed expected Educator Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) growth for our overall school index in SY2022-23 and SY2023-24.
* The percent of students scoring CCR on Reading End-of-Grade assessments in grades 3-8 will increase from 21% in June 2024 to 37% by June 2025, to 50% by June 2029.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies ***Charlotte East Language Academy*** will be implementing:

* ***Multi-Tiered Systems of Support***
* ***Data Analysis with use of Targeted Small Group Instruction***
* ***After School Tutoring***

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 ***Mrs. Lang*** 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 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 website and social media sites
* Volunteer.
* Join the ***PTA-***

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

* Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
* K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
* State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/)
* N.C.School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>
* We’re excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **[*Sarah Lang*] at** [**Sarah1.lang@cms.k12.nc.us**](mailto:Sarah1.lang@cms.k12.nc.us) **or 980-343-0380**.

Sincerely,

***Sarah Lang***