

Ashley Park PreK-8 School

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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 Ashley Park PreK-8 School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Ashley Park has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement - Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) 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-CU schools in North Carolina have student subgroup(s) that are consistently 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-CU school, Ashley Park PreK-8 School 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 Ashley Park this year:

- The percent of Kindergarten through 2nd grade students scoring at or above benchmark in early literacy as measured by DIBELS will increase from 49.7% in SY2023-24 to 53.7% in SY2024-25. (Aligns to A2.04 and B3.03 and CMS Goal 1)
- The percent of Hispanic students scoring Grade Level Proficient (GLP) in 4th Grade Math on their End of Grade assessment will increase from 42.9% in 2023-2024 to 57% in 2024-2024. (Aligns to A4.01, B3.03, D1.02 and CMS Guardrail 1)
- The percent of students scoring College and Career Ready (CCR) on Reading End of Grade assessments in grades 3-8 will increase from 8 % in SY2023-24 to 15.1% in SY2024-25. (Aligns to A2.04 and B3.03 and CMS Goal 2)
- The percentage of chronically absent students will decrease from 17.89% to 10% in the 2024-2025 school year. (Aligns to E1.06, A4.06, CMS Guardrail 3)
- The percentage of OSS students away from the classroom will decrease from 21.7% in SY 2023-24 to 19% in SY 2024-25. (Aligns to A1.07, A4.06 and CMS Guardrail 2)

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 Ashley Park will be implementing:

- Hiring and retaining irreplaceable teachers
- Utilizing various high-leverage strategies through CMS District
- Monthly Professional Development opportunities which enhance our teacher's strategies
- Monthly additional support of our Beginning Teachers

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 the academic expectations set for your student this school year.
- Call Mrs. Edwards at (980) 343-6018 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 academic progress and grades through PowerSchool.
- Attend Family-Teacher meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites on Instagram and Facebook.
- Volunteer.
- Join the Parent of Excellence by emailing Mr. Wilson at derono.wilson@cms.k12.nc.us.

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:

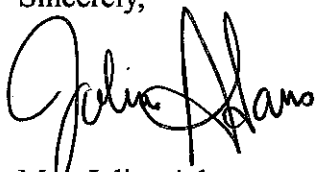
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have hosted:

- Open House in August
- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in September
- Annual Title 1 and Curriculum Night in October
- Family Teacher Conference for Quarter 1 in November

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Mrs. Adams at (980) 343-6018.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Joline Adams,
Principal
Ashley Park PreK-8 School