

Northeast Middle School
5960 Brickstone Drive
Mint Hill, NC 28227



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Northeast Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Northeast Middle School has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), 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 under-performing. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Northeast Middle 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 the progress of our school. 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 Northeast Middle School this year:

- Instructional Teams develop standards-aligned units of instruction for each subject and grade level.
- The school implements a tiered instructional system that allows teachers to deliver evidence-based instruction aligned with the individual needs of students across all tiers.
- ALL teachers are attentive to students' emotional states, guide students in managing their emotions, and arrange for supports and interventions when necessary.
- The principal monitors curriculum and classroom instruction regularly and provides timely, clear, constructive feedback to teachers.
- The school regularly communicates with parents/guardians about its expectations of them and the importance of the curriculum of the home (what parents can do at home to support their children's learning).

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 Northeast Middle School will be implementing:

- *WIN (What I Need) Time each day*

- *Back to Basics Tutoring*
- *Data and Content Planning meetings by grade level and subject area*
- *SEL (Social Emotional Learning) time daily*
- *Professional Development around targeted small group instruction*
- *Intentional Data Analysis using Data Protocols after each MVPA Benchmark Assessment*
- *PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) behavior plan, quarterly incentives, and PBIS Rewards Plan for student points and PBIS Store shopping*

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 Sharon Beatty (8th grade and homerooms of Anson, Richardson and Vaulx) or Joanne Brown (6th grade and homerooms of Tebout, Dugue, and Sullivan) (980) 343-6920 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 <https://www.cmsk12.org/northeastMS#calendar11516/20231127/month>.
- Volunteer.
- Join the Northeast Middle School 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:

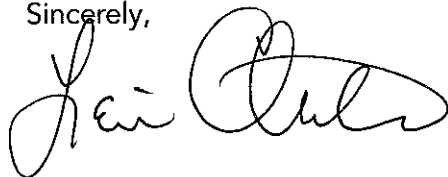
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards>

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

- WIN groups working on different objectives
- SEL groups
- Targeted small group instruction
- Lunch groups with the counselors and school psychologist
- PBIS store shopping
- Clubs

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Leigh Beaver at leigh.beaver@cms.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,



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