

HENDERSONVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Home of the Bearcats

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Dear HMS Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Once a year the state of North Carolina provides you with updates on our school's achievements through the North Carolina School Report Card – which includes important information about school and student performance, class sizes, attendance, school safety, instructional resources, and teacher quality. There also is information about how our school measured against federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) targets in our school.

This is the fourth year the N.C. General Assembly is requiring that schools receive individual letter grades, which are comprised of student achievement (80 percent) and growth (20 percent) on state standardized assessments.

Hendersonville Middle **exceeded the N.C. Department of Instruction's growth expectations for the 2016-2017 school year. We led middle schools in our district with the highest growth last school year, and met all 21 federally defined AMO target goals.** Our school average over the past 3-year period for each grade level subject area has either met or exceeded expected growth, and we are very proud of our students' and teachers' hard work.

Hendersonville Middle is a special place rich in history and tradition. We are extremely proud of the successes our school has had since August of 2016. We truly have a wonderful school that excels in all areas: Academics, Arts/Music, and Athletics.

In 2016-2017, our students, staff, and parents worked in collaboration to help our school maintain the overall standard of excellence that has been associated with Hendersonville Middle. We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments both individually and as a school. Our teachers strive daily to meet the needs of our students, and recognize that middle-schoolers are at a unique place in life. They are dedicated to meeting those needs with high expectations and challenging rigor in the classroom, while fostering positive relationships with individual students. We welcome and value the support of our parents and school community in achieving those goals. I personally believe we have the best middle school in the entire state and feel very fortunate to be the principal at HMS.

Thank you for your investment in HMS, and for supporting our efforts to provide your student with a high-quality education.

Sincerely,

Luke Manuel, Principal