



HENDERSONVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Bearcats

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Dear HMS Parent/Guardian:

I hope that you and your child are having a good school year. I want to personally thank all our students, teachers, and parents for the hard work and commitment they demonstrate each day in making HMS a place of success for students. We want to build on our successes, raise the bar, and continue that pattern of success as we move forward in this school year.

Based on End-of-Grade test results in the spring of 2019, HMS was designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement- Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school and a Targeted Support & Improvement- Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. With the lack of End-of-Grade testing for the 2019-20 school year, HMS retains this designation. 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. TSI-CU schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is consistently 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 / TSI-CU school, HMS, 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. For example, our comprehensive plan will focus on the areas of teacher use of data to inform instructional planning and collaboration on standards-aligned units of instruction. Our plan will also focus on a tiered instructional system to deliver instruction to meet the individual needs of students across all tiers.

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

- Call the school at 697-4800 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 progress, grades, and homework using the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Stay informed and connected through our school newsletters and social media sites.

Preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. If you are interested in accessing additional resources that can help your child or your child's school, please contact your child's teacher/s or the principal.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Allison, Principal HMS