

September 15, 2021

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 PreK-8 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, **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 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 **Ashley Park PreK-8 School** this year:

- Increase the percent of College and Career Ready on End Of Grade and End of Course Exams by 10%.
- Increase daily attendance
- Provide duty-free instructional planning for every teacher with the goal of providing an average of at least five hours of planning time per week, to the maximum extent that the safety and proper supervision of students may allow during regular student contact hours.
- Providing a positive school climate by promoting a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassing behaviors
- Through partnership with ShermCo Ashley Park will increase parent/family involvement by 5% in family nights planned by our Family Collaboration Committee

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 PreK-8 School** will be implementing:

- **Ensuring your child reads nightly**
- **Arrives to school on time**
- **Communicating with teachers and administration with concerns**
- **Attending school functions**

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 **Ashley Park PreK-8 School counselor** 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 **Ashley Park PreK-8 School Parent Teacher Association**

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:

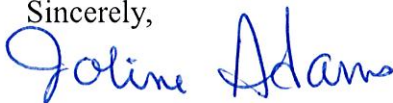
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

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

- **SOAR for 1 hour each day**

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Cheryl Laster** at cheryl.harris@cms.k12.nc.us or **980343-6018**

Sincerely,



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