

Hawthorne Academy High 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 **Military, Global Leadership and Public Safety Academy (MGLPS)**, I am writing this letter to let you know that **MGLPS** has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Graduation Rate (CSI-LG) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i), North Carolina had to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement. CSI-LG schools in North Carolina are high schools that have a 4-year cohort graduation rate of less than 66.7%. 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 CSI-LG school, **MGLPS** 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
- Standard-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 **MGLPS** this year:

- **Increase overall %CCR EOC Math 1 for all students by 15% points**
- **Increase student involvement in Advanced Placement coursework by 15% (minimum)**
- **Build a strong, positive school culture whereby collaboration is evidence and measured by, "My school is a good place to teach and learn".**
- **Provide duty-free instructional planning time for every teacher under G.S. 115c-105.27**
- **Provide a positive school climate, under CMS regulation JICK-R, by promoting a safe Learning environment free of bullying and harassing behaviors.**

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 **MGLA** will be implementing:

- **Weekly communication to parents via ConnectEd**
- **Quarterly progress reports**
- **Tutorial hours for each department**

- ***EL support for our English Language Learners***
 - ***AVID-WICOR Methods focused on Writing***
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Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

- 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 ***MGLA – 980-343-6011*** 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 *[insert links]*.
 - Volunteer.
 - Join the ***Hawthorne Academy PTSA, or School Improvement Team***
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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:

- ***Hawthorne Academy High School – 980-343-6011; website***
<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/hawthorneae/pages/default.aspx>
- 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.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact our school at **980-343-6011**.

Sincerely,

Diann Weston

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Principal
