

Date: September 29, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Performance Learning Center HS, I am writing this letter to let you know that Performance Learning Center HS, 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, Performance Learning Center HS 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 Performance Learning Center HS this year:

- ***Each student will have completed at least one CPCC or AP course before Graduation.***
- ***Each student will have at least one caring adult to consult with when needed.***
- ***Each student will pass 95% of their courses on the first attempt.***
- ***Graduation cohort rate 90%.***

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 Performance Learning Center HS will be implementing:

- ***Utilizing AVID pairing with core content classes (Math I, III, English II)***
- ***Relational Practice in classes***
- ***7 Mindset (Social Emotional Learning)***
- ***Using Naviance and Career Planning Tools***
- ***Expanding Phoenix Parents***

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 **Tess Mann-John (980) 343-1118** 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 PLC on Instagram and Twitter@PLC_CMS.
- Volunteer.
- Join the **Insert name of Parent Teacher Association or Organization**

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:

- Follow PLC on Instagram and Twitter@PLC_CMS
- Find PLC on Facebook at [fb.me/PLCMS](https://www.facebook.com/PLCMS)
- 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:

- AVID Pairing with Math I, Math III and English II
- Social Emotional Learning (7 Mindsets on Tuesday and Thursday)
- Phoenix Hour with intentional focus each day
- Intentional focus cultural integration

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Harrison Conyers** at harrison1.conyers@cms.k12.nc.us or **980-343-1118**.

Sincerely,

Harrison Conyers

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Principal