

Jamestown Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians of JMS Students,

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

- JMS will strategically address culture and connectedness in the school by focusing on positive culture, social/emotional health, attendance, and improved disciplinary outcomes.
- By June 2022, JMs will reduce the achievement gap in both math and reading between African-American students and their White counterparts by 10 points.
- JMS will increase the number of teachers identified as exceeded growth

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 Jamestown Middle School will be implementing:

- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for all students needing additional intervention in all areas of academic life including, but not limited to math, reading, science, social studies, attendance and social emotional learning.
- We have initiated dedicated time in our school day to provide this individualized intervention or accelerated support. Ask your student about Tiger Time!
- To support the positive climate we are seeking, we have implemented and maintained a House System to provide community, accountability and engagement in our school climate.

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 your student's counselor or teacher at (336) 819-2100 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.

"Where Children Come First."

- 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.
 - https://www.gcsnc.com/jamestown_middle
 - <https://www.facebook.com/JMSTigers/>
- Volunteer.
- Join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

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:

- Implemented Tiger Time, an intervention block to allow students small group access to their teachers and teachers time to individualize lessons based on the specific needs of students.
- Our PBIS Committee is working hard to create great behavior incentives for students through our House System
- Students are working hard everyday to reach their goals and our staff is dedicated to ensuring they meet their full potential.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Brittany Wells at wellsb@gcsnc.com or (336)819-2100.

Sincerely,



Dr. Trent Vernon, Principal