



Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year is off to a successful start for you and your child. I am writing this letter to let you know that Allen Jay Prep Academy has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Per ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), schools are identified as TSI-AT schools in North Carolina because one or more of the following subgroups received a subgroup performance grade score at or below the highest identified CSI-LP school's All Students group during the identification year; and is on the TSI-CU list for the subgroup(s) for the previous year. Subgroup performance scores are provided for the following subgroups: (1) Students with Disabilities, (2) Economically Disadvantaged, (3) Black, (4) White, (5) Hispanic, (6) Asian-Pacific Islander, (7) Multi-racial, and (8) English Learners. This letter is to notify our parents and guardians of Allen Jay Prep's intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, Allen Jay Prep Academy is required to develop an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve outcomes for underperforming subgroups. The plan will also include strategies that our district or charter will employ to support Allen Jay Prep's improvement efforts. The ATSI plan will address the following areas :

- Classroom Management
- Family and Community Engagement
- Student Support Services
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC's)

We have set the following goals for **Allen Jay Prep Academy** this year:

- By June 30, 2024, Allen Jay Prep Academy will increase the school overall performance composite by at least 3 percentage points, from 55.9% in 2022-23 to a minimum of 58.9% in 2023-24.
- By June 30, 2024, Allen Jay Prep Academy will decrease chronic student absences (10% or more of days enrolled) by 5 percentage points, from 14.5% in 2022-23 to 9.5% in 2023-24.
- By June 30, 2024, Allen Jay Prep Academy will reduce the number of lost instructional days resulting from discipline referrals by 10% from 228 number in 2022-23 to 205 number in 2023-24.
- By June 30, 2024, Allen Jay Prep will establish an infrastructure where regular communication occurs with parents/guardians about its expectations of them and the importance of the curriculum of the home (what parents can do at home to support their children's learning).
- By June 30, 2024, Allen Jay Prep Academy will increase overall 8th grade math (not Math 1) proficiency by at least 5 percentage points, from 9.1% in 2022-23 to 14.1% in 2023-24.



Here are some strategies that we will be implementing to improve student outcomes:

- Use of Literacy Block program to target specific skills for improvement
- Implementation of new ELA Curriculum to support reading comprehension skills
- Parent Nights to review curriculum resources and supports
- Use of daytime tutoring to address student needs in mathematics

Also, parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Ensure that both you and your child know the academic expectations set for your child this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call Allen Jay Prep at 336-819-2164 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff who will be working with your child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework and social performance through LiveSchool.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Volunteer and join the PTA.

Additionally, listed below are a few 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 are committed to improving student performance. It is important to remember that just as no single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about a school's performance or the opportunities that our school provides. The intent of receiving these designations is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child. Already, we have:

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

Sincerely,

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