



NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

7868 Free Union Church Rd, Pinetown North Carolina 27865

Monday, November 14, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Northside, I am writing this letter to let you know that our 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, Northside 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)
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Building supportive and meaningful relationships with students
- Student attendance

We have set the following goals for Northside this year:

- Reduce student discipline infractions
- Provide sound instruction that utilizes a variety of instructional strategies to meet student need
- Increase student ACT scores
- Participate in meaningful professional development trainings as a staff, "The One Minute Meeting"
- Utilize data meetings to review student testing data at the three, six and nine week marking periods
- Target and provide support services for students who are at-risk academically, behaviorally and who are not on target to graduate on time
- Consistently monitor and improve student attendance

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 Northside will be implementing:

- Provide research-based classroom management strategies by implementing our ROAR expectations, procedures and protocols for student discipline
- Provide instruction that follows and meets the standard course of study
- Expose and incorporate ACT language and practice test in all classrooms through daily warm ups

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- Utilize "One Minute Meeting" techniques to engage our struggling students and meet their needs
- Utilize student data to assist struggling students during Panther time and after school tutoring
- Assign struggling students a teacher mentor to meet with them weekly regarding grades, discipline, attendance
- Regularly meet with students and parents regarding their attendance.
- Work with school social worker to improve grades, attendance and discipline issues that face our struggling students

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 or email your child's teachers 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 progress through Powerschool each week.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our school website.
- Insure that you are signed up and actively review your child's grades through Powerschool. Contact Belinda Belch, Powerschool Operator at NHS.
- Listen to the Blackboard Connect calls each Sunday night.
- Get involved in your child's education!

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://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards>

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at 943-6341 or email me at tnixon@beaufort.k12.nc.us

Sincerely,



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