

Davidson K-8

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for you. I am writing this letter to let you know that Davidson K-8 has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement-Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. ESSA Section 1111(d)(2) stated that North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-CU schools in North Carolina have a student subgroup that is consistently underperforming.

This opportunity intends to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-CU school, Davidson K-8 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 our school's progress. 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 Davidson K-8 this year:

- The percentage of Black and Hispanic 3rd grade students combined who score at the College and Career Ready (CCR) level - a 4 or 5 - on the English Language Arts (ELA) EOG will maintain at 50% in SY2023-24.
- The percent of 8th grade students who score at the College and Career (CCR) level - a 4 or 5 - on the Grade 8 Mathematics EOG will maintain at 50% in SY2023-24.
- We will meet or exceed expected Educator Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) growth for our overall school index in SY2022-23 and SY2023-24.

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 Davidson K-8 will be implementing:

- Out of School Tutoring Time opportunities
- Small group based fluency intervention from Helps Education Fund
- MTSS supports for students working to meet grade level expectations
- Differentiated small group instruction

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 child 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 our school at 980-343-3900 if you have questions or concerns about your child or to set up an appointment to meet with a teacher who is working with your student.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites: www.cmsk12.org/davidsonES
- Volunteer.
- Join the Davidson K-8 PTO.

Here are some resources that may be helpful:

- 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 continue to be excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child and all children. Already, we have:

- Analyzed beginning of year data
- Analyzed first quarter benchmark data
- Implemented data tracking tools to increase student engagement

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at amanda1.childress@cms.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

Amanda Childress