



# Hudson Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Hudson Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Hudson Middle School, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) 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-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is 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-AT school, Hudson 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 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 Hudson Middle School this year:**

- Hudson will provide challenging, engaging, relevant instruction, and learning opportunities to increase core proficiency in math, reading and science.
- HMS will implement individualized student pathways in a safe, positive environment that supports the holistic social, emotional, and physical needs of all students.
- As a school, Hudson Middle School will implement a Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and Student Support Teams (SST) will drive Hudson's educators to deliver evidence-based instruction which supports reading and math proficiency, as well as targeting our students with disabilities.
- Hudson will establish and utilize the support within the community and outside stakeholders to better understand and motivate performances to drive school improvement to increase student success, increasing 20% effective collaboration to leverage family and community assets.

**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 Hudson Middle School will be implementing:**

- Providing all staff high quality, ongoing, job-embedded, and differentiated professional development.
- Ongoing conversations between school personnel and parents/guardians is candid, supportive, and flows in both directions.
- Hudson will provide a broad spectrum of communication to the community through meetings, announcements, newsletters, facebook, instagram and a consistently updated website.



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**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 Jeff Mayo (Hudson Middle Schools Principal) @ (828) 728-4281 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 [insert links].
- Volunteer.
- Join Hudson Middle School PTO

**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:**

- Hudson Middle School ([Website](#))
- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://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:**

- Updated our MTSS and SST School Process
- Re-Structured our School Improvement Team and Leadership Team
- Fundraised over \$20,000 towards student focused academic/extracurricular support
- Providing Student Choice through (Flex and Club Opportunities)
- Providing Individualized Student Academic Support through Flex and our MTSS Tier Process
- Identifying strong CORE practices and strong Intervention practices throughout the academic day
- Come together as a Community and Hudson Family through our Reading/Thanksgiving Event.
- Hudson Middle School is above CCS average within NCCheck In's

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Jeff Mayo @ [jmayo@caldwellschools.com](mailto:jmayo@caldwellschools.com) or (828) 728-4281.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Mayo  
Hudson Middle School Principal