

Hope Valley Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Hope Valley Elementary, I am writing this letter to let you know that Hope Valley 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, Hope Valley Elementary 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 Hope Valley Elementary School this year:

- By June 2024, 55% of Hope Elementary students will meet or exceed standards for yearly academic growth as measured by EOG Growth. This goal Aligns with DPS Strategic Plan Priority I for Fostering academic excellence
- By March of 2024, 41% of students identified as English Learners will achieve exit status or meeting annual progress on the ACCESS assessment. This goal Aligns with DPS Strategic Plan Priority I for Fostering academic excellence
- Hope Elementary students will grow in the area of science. By June 2024, Hope Valley will achieve an overall proficiency rate of 70% in grade 5 science. This goal Aligns with DPS Strategic Plan Priority I for Fostering academic excellence
- Hope Elementary students will grow in literacy. By June 2024, Hope Valley will achieve an overall ELA (Reading) growth rate to 52% proficiency in grades 3, 4, & 5. This goal Aligns with DPS Strategic Plan Priority I for Fostering academic excellence.
- Hope Elementary students will grow in math. By June 2024, Hope Valley will achieve an overall math growth rate to 53% proficiency in grades 3, 4, & 5. This goal Aligns with DPS Strategic Plan Priority I for Fostering academic excellence

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- Hope Valley K-2 students will grow in the area of reading. By June 2023, we will achieve an overall ELA proficiency rate of 60% in grades K-2. Growth will be determined by EOY data from the mCLASS universal screener composite rating. This goal aligns with DPS Strategic plan Goal I.

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 Hope Valley Elementary School will be implementing:

- Universal Small Group Reading Instructional Block for K-3
- Development of Individual Reading Plans for students based on mClass Assessments
- Science of Reading strategies during small group reading blocks
- School Wide Intervention Plan
- Multi-Tiered system of Supports (MTSS) framework to assess student's academic and behavior
- Development of Parent Involvement Plan
- Development of a student incentive plan
- Designated morning meeting block to support students social emotional growth
- Math intervention blocks for students in fourth and fifth grade
- Specific Plan to support growth for ELL learners
- Read To Achieve
- Grade-level data meetings to track and monitor student progress toward standards mastery
- Extended Planning and pacing days for all grade-levels

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 Hope Valley Elementary at 919-560-3980 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with your child's teacher or our school's Multitiered Systems of Support (MTSS) coordinator.
- 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 hopevalley.dpsnc.net
- Volunteer.
- Join the Hope Valley Elementary 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:

- Hope Valley Elementary: hopevalley.dpsnc.net or call us at 919-560-3980
- 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>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student.

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Already, we have:

- Y-Learning
- We are Kings
- We are Queens
- Soccer & Basketball team
- Strongly Squad
- Girls on the Run
- Battle of the Books
- Broadway Jr.
- Epworth Tutoring
- Children's Literacy Project

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Jed Miller at jed_miller@dpsnc.net or 919-560-3980.

Sincerely,

Jed Miller

Hope Valley Principal