

# Carrington Middle School



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Carrington Middle School, 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, Carrington Middle 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 Carrington Middle this year:

- At least 47.0% of our students proficient in Reading and 51.3% proficient in math
- 71.2 of our students will be proficient in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science
- 100% of our students will be proficient in Math 1

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 Carrington will be implementing:

- School-wide intervention during the school day for reading and math
- Progress monitoring for all students in core classes
- Increased instructional time that includes an intervention block

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Parent/family 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 our counselors at 919-560-3916 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: [www.carrington.dpsnc.net](http://www.carrington.dpsnc.net), IG: @carringtonmiddle FB: George L. Carrington
- Volunteer.

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:

- After School Programs: <https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/86>
- 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://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. Already, we have:

- Implemented clubs and activities to support more students
- Had major celebrations to support and encourage positive behavior
- Prepared to launch our Saturday Academy

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Debra Cheek at [debra\\_check@dpsnc.net](mailto:debra_check@dpsnc.net) or 919-560-3916.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Holly S. Emanuel', is written over the printed name.

Holly S. Emanuel, Principal