



October 2, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Ranson Middle an IBO World School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Ranson Middle an IBO World School, has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Performing (CSI-LP) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i), North Carolina had to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement. CSI-LP schools in North Carolina are those found in the lowest-performing 5 percent of all schools receiving Title I funding. 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 CSI-LP school, Ranson Middle an IBO World 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 the progress of our school. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standard-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 Ranson Middle an IBO World School this year:

- 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 increase from 1.1% in SY2021-22 to 14.6% in SY 2022-23 and 28% in SY 2023-24. (Aligns to A2.04 and B3.03 and CMS Goal 2)
- Expected Outcome & Evidence of Achievement
 - MYP/IB and AVID Implementation
 - MAP Assessments to Support Growth & Progress Monitoring
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - Honors & AIG Curriculum
 - Teacher Professional Development

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 will be implementing:

- MTSS implementation school-wide
- Facilitation of small group instruction for reading and math, by classroom teachers, coaches, instructional leaders, MTSS specialists and support staff
- MCL and Academic Facilitators Coaching Models (Get Better Faster and Capturing Kids Hearts)



Ranson Middle, an International Baccalaureate World School



- Out-of- School Time Tutoring (OSTT)
 - 200 virtual tutoring slot
 - 45 In-person Tutoring (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: October 2022-June 2023)
- Reading Challenge (by grade level)
- Attendance Incentives (by grade level)
- MAP Growth Incentives (all scholars)

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 Tiffanee Smith at 980-343-6800, 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:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RansonIB/>
 - Website: <https://www.cmsk12.org/ransonMS>
- 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:

- Ranson IB Middle School Community and Partners Contact Information [LINK](#)
- 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 successful for students. Already, we have:

- IB & AVID Interactive Notebooks and AVID Binders
- Above and Beyond Afterschool Program
- CMS Out-of-School Time Tutoring (OSTT)
- Digi Bridge STEM Lab

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Neodria Brown at neodria1.brown@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-6800.

Sincerely,

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