

Garinger High 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 Garinger High School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Garinger High 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, Garinger High 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 Garinger High School this year:

- The percent of high school students who score at the College and Career level – a 4 or 5 – on the Math 1 EOC (grades 9-12) will increase from 1.6% in SY2021-22 to 13.3% in SY2022-23 and 20% in SY2023-24.
- Improve the overall school culture and climate of Garinger High School by decreasing the chronic absenteeism by 10% in SY2022-23 and 15% in SY2023-24 as reported in the navigator portal.

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 Garinger High School will be implementing:

- The administrative team will meet with BMT's and CSA's to review tardies, behavior interventions, and suspension trends.
- Post rules and procedures that are clearly displayed inside classrooms and hallways
- Common planning between courses for PLC meetings as evidenced by PLC meeting agendas
- Utilization of district provided curriculum and execution with fidelity evidenced by PLC meeting agendas and data chats

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 John Lester (980) 343-6450 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).
- Volunteer.
- Join the Garinger Parent Teacher Association or Organization-Contact Dr. Nixon by email fynisst.nixon@cms.k12.nc.us

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:

- 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're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have:

- Increased our Community Partnerships to include Truist Banking, Plaza Neighborhood Association, NODA Neighborhood Association, and numerous Garinger Alumni groups.
- Increased our numbers in Advanced Placement classes
- Added AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) to grades 9 and 10
- Continue to improve student attendance

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact John Lester at john.lester@cms.k12.nc.us or (980) 343-6450.

Sincerely,



LeDuan Pratt, Principal