



September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Reedy Creek Elementary 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, Reedy Creek 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 Reedy Creek this year:

By June 2023 we will transform student outcomes by strengthening the instructional core as measured by the End of Grade (EOG) assessments. Our grade level proficiency (GLP) will increase from 27.3% (scores recorded during the pandemic) to 63.2% (last recorded proficiency before the pandemic).

By June 2023 we will transform student outcomes by strengthening the instructional core. All scholars will exceed their expected growth on the NC End of Grade assessments to maintain our school letter grade of C.

By June 2022 we will increase the social, emotional, behavioral and mental health supports by building an integrated approach to student wellness. All students will have access to a social, emotional

curriculum that includes daily SEL lessons, morning circle, and a school discipline policy aligned to Caring Schools that provides rules, procedures, and interventions.

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 Reedy Creek will be implementing:

- Communication efforts using family chats, connect-ed calls, and open zoom policies so parents have access to a RCE staff member at all times.
- Use of the CMS adopted curriculum including using CANVAS to adhere to pacing guides and curricular expectations.
- Grade level schedules to allow for flexibility of families but also providing a balance of asynchronous and synchronous learning.
- Small groups that are able to meet every student every day during remote learning.

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 us at (980) 343-6480 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
<https://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/reedycreekES/Pages/Default.aspx>
- 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:

- 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:

- Great participation in our family chats, student attendance is up, and positive feedback from our parents keeps coming in about the work our teachers are doing.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact at rachel.goldberg@cms.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

Rachel Corn, Principal Reedy Creek Elementary School