



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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University Park Creative Arts

2400 Hildebrand Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

September 30, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in University Park Creative Arts, I am writing this letter to let you know that University Park Creative Arts 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, University Park Creative Arts 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 University Park Creative Arts this year:

- increase reading proficiency by 10 percentage points
- increase math proficiency by 10 percentage points
- 100% of teachers will implement the Caring Schools Community with fidelity to improve students' social and emotional states

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 University Park Creative Arts will be implementing:

- EL Curriculum implementation
- LLI- take home books, ways parents can help
- 3 R's problem solving strategies for math
- Utilizing Caring Schools Community program- home connection letters every week with items parents can practice with children at home

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student's teacher(s).

- Call University Park Creative Arts at 980-343-5178 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.cms.k12.nc.us, twitter- @upcastars, Facebook- @upca15
- Volunteer.
- Join the Parent Teacher Association (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:

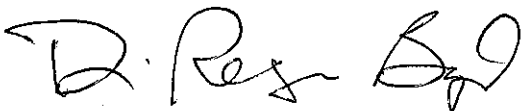
- University Park Creative Arts: www.cms.k12.nc.us
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <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:

- Continuation of the EL curriculum in Literacy in grades K-5
- Daily class meetings in every classroom using the Caring Schools Community program

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact University Park Creative Arts at 980-343-5178.

Sincerely,



Dr. Regina Boyd
Principal