

Sedgefield Middle School

2700 Dorchester Place Charlotte, North Carolina 28209

Every Child. Every Day, For a Better Tomorrow.

Date-November 21, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Sedgefield Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Sedgefield Middle 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, Sedgefield Middle 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 **Sedgefield Middle 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 5.3% in SY2021-22 to 16.7% in SY2022-23 and 28.0 % in SY2023-24. (A2.04, B3.03 and CMS Goal 2)
- We will exceed expected Educator Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) growth for our overall school index in SY2022-23 and SY2023-24. (A4.01, B3.03 and CMS Goal 4)
- The percent of students reporting a positive self-perception of their self-management will increase from 72.0% on the Fall 2021 Panorama Screener (in Grades 6-12) to 77% in SY2022-23 and 82% in SY2023-24. (A4.16) (CMS Goal CMS Guardrail 3.2b)
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) disproportionately for Black students will decrease from 33.9% in SY2021-22 to 28.4% in SY2022-23 and 23.0% in SY2023-24. (E.106, A.1.07 and CMS Guardrail 1.3)



Every Child. Every Day. For a BeHer Tomorrow.

Sedgefield Middle School

2700 Dorchester Place Charlotte, North Carolina 28209

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 Sedgefield Middle School will be implementing:

- Co-Teaching and Resource support for Core Teachers, Exceptional Children, ELL and AIG.
- Addition of a Math Lead Teacher to assist with math classes and implementation of math curriculum
- Implementing literacy skills into other core classes (science, social studies and math)
- Professional Development on engagement strategies for higher-level learners and Multi-Tier Systems
- Implementing Enrichment and Remediation time into the daily master schedule.

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 Mrs. Sheena Miracle at 980-343-5840 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://www.cmsk12.org/sedgefieldMS.
- Volunteer.
- Join the Sedgefield Middle School PTO- smspto.org

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:

- Community in Schools- Brittany Altavilla 980-343-5840
- 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:

Developing and implementing culture and career clubs

lan

- Established and continued over 30 community partnerships
- Established Spartan Time- Enrichment and Intervention time during the day

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Catherine Eldridge at catherine.eldridge@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-5840.

Sincerely.

Mrs. Sheena Miracle

Principal