



Ranson Middle School

11/22/2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Ranson IB Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Ranson IB Middle 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 IB 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 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 IB Middle School this year:

- ***The College and Career score for Ranson students will increase from 11.7% to 20% during the 2024-2025 year in Reading 6th-8th grade***
- ***Increase the percent of students CCR (college and career ready) on Math 1 assessments***
- ***Ranson IB Middle Math 1 students will increase their College and Career score from 55.2% to 60%***
- ***Duty-free planning: Provide a duty-free instructional planning time for every teacher under G.S. 115C-105.27 and 301.1. with the goal of providing an average of at least five hours of planning time per week, with the maximum extent that the safety and proper supervision of students may allow during regular student contact hours.***
- ***Duty Free Lunch: To provide a duty-free lunch period for every teacher on a daily basis.***
- ***Bully Prevention: Provide a positive school climate, under CMS regulation JICK-R, by promoting a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassing behaviors.***

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 Ranson IB Middle School will be implementing a



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variety of strategies and action steps to achieve our goals.

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).
- Contact the school 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 <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:

- 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 a success for your student.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Genae Green, Assistant Principal at genaet.green@cms.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

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Principal