



Hillcrest Middle School

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To: Parents and Guardians of HCMS Students
From: HCMS Administration
Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019
RE: Alabama State Report Card Grade

There are two areas that we stress at Hillcrest Middle School: Quality Teaching *and Learning* and Building Positive Relationships. We know that the two concepts go hand-in-hand. One without the other does not seem meaningful. Recently, the Alabama State Department of Education released data on each school's performance in the areas of **academic achievement, academic growth, chronic absenteeism and the progress of students who are English Language Learners.**

Overall, the Tuscaloosa County School System received a letter grade of a 'C', accumulating a total of 77 points on all indicators. Additionally, **Hillcrest Middle School received a total of 76 points, resulting in a "C" letter grade as well.** While one letter grade does not define our students, our school or even our system, we are not satisfied with this grade and will whole-heartedly work harder to produce better results.

Below is a plan of what we are committed to doing as stakeholders in your student's education:

- Providing a rigorous education for ALL STUDENTS, which includes hands-on activities and lessons that challenge their thinking. **Beware**, this might involve homework!
- Having more streamlined meetings that look at data on how well students are progressing and what specific areas seem to be a struggle for students. We will use that data to either extend the lesson or provide remediation. We will also use our Advisory time in the mornings to review basic Math and Reading standards.
- Engaging in high quality professional development to enhance our abilities in instructional practices and strategies.

As parents and guardians, we are asking that you help us in the area of **student attendance**. It is important that students are at school, every day and on time. School starts promptly at 8 am each day! To see a list of "Commonly Asked Questions" regarding the report card score, please visit our school website or the TCSS website.

Thank you for your dedication in making our students successful!

Sincerely,

"Where students learn, grow and achieve"
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