

# Guilford Preparatory Academy

“Learning, Leading, Living”

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Dear Parent:

Once a year we provide you with updates on our school’s achievements through the North Carolina School Report Card. We are extremely excited about the growth our school made for the 2015-2016 school year and want to highlight the following items on this year’s report card that continue to make our school special:

- Exemplary performance **ONCE AGAIN** in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science that exceeds the local and state averages
- We **EXCEEDED GROWTH** for the 15-16 school year
- Our school **MET** all of our target goals for each of our subgroups which has not been done in the past two years
- We rank in the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile of our neighboring schools serving the same demographic
- No incidents of crime or violence
- Our average class size is smaller than the state average which provides our students with more individualized attention
- Our school attendance average is 96.8% which is above the state average
- We achieved gains in our Math and Science proficiency scores
- Began a new Partnership with Science Education Department at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Every school receives a School Performance Grade that gives little consideration to the growth that schools make (student achievement 80% and growth 20%). You will notice that our school received a “D” for our School Performance Grade. We currently have a 51 and in order to get a C we must have at least a 55. This grade only tells part of our story as a school and we will not be defined by or limited to this letter grade system. Our students’ growth and progress means that they are continuing to learn and grow and that our efforts to support this growth are working. We are extremely proud of this!

While we celebrate our hard work, we do recognize that there is room for improvement to make sure our students are college ready. In order to maintain this upward trend, we are keeping our class sizes small and executing our strategic plan to remain financially solvent, academically rigorous, and technologically prepared. We are making great use of our Title I funds by providing Reading Specialists for our students, conducting quarterly benchmarks to monitor student progress and differentiate instruction, providing remediation during , before, and after school hours, partnering with UNC-Greensboro to provide professional development for beginning teachers, and once again, partnering with the School of Education at NCA&TSU to provide tutoring for our students in reading and science.

In addition to this we are providing more instructional time for our students in core subjects such as math and reading. Enclosed with this letter is a summary of our Report Card called the Report Card Snapshot. Our school's full Report Card can be found on the NC School Report Card's website at [www.ncpublicschools.org/src](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/src) At GPA your involvement is very important to the success of our school! We encourage you to review our Report Card carefully, then feel free to contact the administration directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Report Card. We also welcome your feedback regarding other interests you have in our school. Together we can continue to grow and make our school excellent!

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