



Wilmington Preparatory Academy
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of the benefits North Carolina public schools offer parents is transparency. Public school accountability is a standard practice for North Carolina going back to the early 1990s, and the North Carolina School Report Cards provide parents with information on such key issues as student performance, teacher experience, and school safety. Data are provided at the school, district, and state levels to enable parents to compare the performance of their student's schools with others across the district and state.

Legislation (G.S. §115C-83.15) passed during the 2013 long session of the North Carolina General Assembly provides an additional measure of school performance in the form of School Performance Grades. Beginning with the 2013–14 school year, the annual North Carolina School Report Cards display a letter grade of A, B, C, D or F for each school in the state.

The School Performance Grades are based 80 percent on our school's achievement score (student proficiency) and 20 percent on students' academic growth. At Wilmington Prep, our achievement score for the 2015–16 school year is based on how well our students' performed on Grades 3–8 Mathematics, Grades 3–8 English Language Arts/Reading, Grades 5 and 8 Science.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Wilmington Prep received a School Performance Grade of D for the 2015–16 school year. Although we are committed to improving this score, it is important to remember that just as no one single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about the performance of a school or the opportunities that our school provides. Wilmington Prep continues to provide an educational environment in which students strive for academic excellent. Over the course of the past five years WPA had met or exceeded its growth as measured by NCDPI EOG assessments.

One of our top priorities for 2016–17 is to improve our School Performance Grade. There are a number of key programs we have in place to help improve student performance. These include, but not limited to:

- NC iReady
- After and Out-of-School tutoring
- Using benchmark results to inform instructions
- Bi-monthly PLC meetings

We hope you will closely follow your student's academic progress and work with his or her teacher(s) to help ensure they stay on track academically. Working together as a team, we can improve not only how well our students are performing individually, but how our school is performing as a whole. There is nothing more important to administrators and teachers at Wilmington Prep than ensuring that students are ready for the next step in their academic career. I look forward to working with you to make sure your student is on track for success.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our School Performance Grade and how we plan to improve, please don't hesitate to contact Kevin Johnson at 910-799-6776 or kevin@wilmingtonprep.com

Sincerely,

Kevin Johnson, Dean of Students.