



Beech High School

3126 Long Hollow Pike
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year the Tennessee Department of Education examines schools' performance across several different indicators to provide an overall look at how schools are serving the needs of all students. The department of education included the following indicators in its analysis of school accountability:

- Student achievement
- Student growth
- English learner proficiency exam (ELPA)
- Chronic absenteeism
- Ready graduate (high school only)
- Graduation rate (high school only)

More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the [2021-2022 Accountability Protocol](#). Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the department is required to use the school accountability results to identify those schools with the lowest performance across student groups (e.g., individual racial/ethnic student groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and English learners). These schools will receive additional supports from the department.

We are writing to inform you that Beech High School has been identified for Focus School status as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2022-23 school year as a result of one or more of our subgroups performances on Tennessee State Indicators in the school year 2021-22.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by offering tutorial assistance in Math and English before and after school, use of co-teaching in areas where students show greater needs, textbook and curriculum adoptions, as well as Professional Development offerings at the school and county level. We want to enlist your assistance as parents and stakeholders to help meet the needs of our children by encouraging your children to attend school daily, check their progress on our Parent Portal, communicate with our teachers if you see a need, and encourage your child to seek assistance through our tutorial offerings if needed.

Sincerely,

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