



Holtville High School

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

Our school recently received the letter grade of C from the Alabama State Department of Education as part of the new 2016-17 Alabama State Report Card. This grade reflects several factors, including academic achievement, academic growth, chronic absenteeism, as well as graduation rates and college and career readiness rates (for high schools). Our letter grade is important for several reasons. Although it is important to understand a letter grade is a snapshot of how a school is performing, it does show areas in which we are doing well and areas in which we need to improve. The information provided on the Alabama State Report Card's dashboard is displayed in a way that makes it easy to understand our school's performance.

You can find the Alabama State Report Card, and much more information at <http://www.alsde.edu/dept/erc/Pages/home.aspx>

Of course, one grade doesn't tell the whole story. We hope the grade will add to our community discussion about how to constantly improve our school—regardless of where it falls on the grading scale.

Currently, we are working very hard to make HHS a place where students are empowered, loved, engaged, and always growing in their love of learning. We believe this is a key to get students attending school more often, learning more, and experiencing greater success throughout high school and beyond. Additionally, we are working to improve student engagement and achievement through various adjustments in our instruction, including acquiring and incorporating more technology, a school-wide student presentation initiative, and investigating new curricula and resources to aid our everyday instruction. We are already seeing increases in our students' success and attendance, and we are looking forward to further increasing our students' level of preparation for college and/or careers!

We hope you will view this grade as a way to become more involved in Holtville High School. You can assist by becoming involved—see how you can use the report card information to support and improve our school.

Help us raise our grade together by taking a community approach to the mission of educating children. Together we can strive for excellence in all areas of education. Together we can raise this grade.

Sincerely,

Kyle Futral
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