



"Children First"

Redland Elementary School
495 Scholars Drive
Wetumpka, AL 36093

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Dear parents and community members:

Our school recently received the letter grade of an A from the Alabama State Department of Education as part of the new 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.

We are currently participating in on-going professional development to increase the overall literacy success of our school. Our goal is to have more effective small group reading instruction. We are also implementing a computer-based program that will focus on the individual needs of students.

We hope you will view this grade as a way to become more involved in Redland Elementary 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,
Chad Walls
Principal

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