



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 and 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 American Way Middle School is identified for Priority as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2023-2024 school year.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance. We encourage you to help by participating in parent and volunteer activities to support students' academic growth and achievement.

Sincerely,

Larissa Jackson,
Principal of American Way Middle School