

Noxubee County School District

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Noxubee County School District Achieves Historic C-Rating

Macon, Miss – The Noxubee County School District (NCSd) achieved a grade of C for student performance in the 2022-23 school year, improving upon its D rating in 2021-22 and emerging from its pattern of earning an F every year since 2015-16.

The district's C rating marks the first time the district has been rated successful since 2016 when the state began rating school districts on an A-F scale.

"This achievement is the direct result of raising expectations for what students can accomplish and providing them with quality instruction and support to help them reach, and exceed, those expectations," said Dr. Washington Cole, Interim-Superintendent. "This year's grade proves that Noxubee County's students just as capable as students throughout the state and nation. I am extremely proud of the students, teachers, administrators, and families of the Noxubee County School District."

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) designated NCSd a District of Transformation in 2018 because of the district's pattern of poor academic performance, severe financial issues, and violations of federal and state law and accreditation standards. The District of Transformation designation puts districts under state leadership until they develop a track record of quality management and improved student achievement.

Since being designated a District of Transformation, NCSd has resolved its financial, management, and accreditation issues and has continually improved academic performance. District improvements include the consolidation of two elementary schools into one, the implementation of research-based instructional practices, and educator and leadership development. As a result, since 2021, Earl Nash Elementary School and B.F. Liddell Middle School improved their grades from an F to a D, Noxubee County High School improved from a D to a B, and the districtwide grade improved from an F to a C.

"Though the district has made significant strides, we still have more work to do to ensure all students are proficient in all subjects and graduate ready for college and career," Cole said. "We will not let up until all students are successful and leave high school equipped to pursue any opportunity they desire. Our children deserve nothing less."