

Parents and Guardians

The state of Tennessee provides our Schools and District a designation every year. The scores for elementary and middle schools are based on four areas—achievement (test scores), growth (student progress over time), chronic absenteeism, and English language proficiency. For high schools, two additional indicators are included in their score—Ready Graduate and graduation rate. The State Department of Education also looks at multiple other factors to determine if a school has areas that need additional focus.

As part of this process, the state identifies Focus schools. These are schools that, in an area of the evaluation process, were identified as needing extra attention and support. This year, Powell Valley Elementary was identified as a Focus school. The specific area of focus is Students with Disabilities.

Each school in the District received its accountability data, reviewed those data with Central Office personnel, and wrote school improvement plans. Those plans have been submitted to the Central Office and are under review. We will look at all plans, as well as our accountability data, and select best practices to implement across the District and schools. We will foster a culture of collaboration to implement best practices.

The mission of the Claiborne County Schools is to educate students so they can compete successfully in their chosen fields. We take our mission seriously and know that a quality education and education system are critical not only to our students but also to the economic viability, growth, and sustainability of Claiborne County.

We look forward to working for and with you as together we develop our most valuable resource – our youth – they are our future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Edwards at 423-869-4659 or Dr. England at Central Office.

Sincerely,

Melissa Edwards