



Dear Baker Parents and Guardians,

The ALSDE School Report Card scores were released on December 14, 2023, and the **Hornets are leading MCPSS with the highest score for a high school!** Our score increased from last year, showing steady improvement and evidence that what we are doing is working. Congratulations and thanks to each of you for the part you play in ensuring the success of your student and Baker High School!

Baker High School was awarded a score of 79 for the 2022-2023 school year. The Report Card is a score based on the following indicators: Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, Graduation Rate, College and Career Readiness, and Chronic Absenteeism. For more detailed information about the Report Card, *click here*.

While we are proud of our achievement so far, good is not good enough if better is possible! We will strive to continuously do better for each of your children. And to do that, we need your help. The indicators on our Report Card offering the most opportunity for gains are Academic Achievement and Chronic Absenteeism.

Academic Achievement is an indicator dependent on ACT scores from the 11th grade statewide test administration. To support every student in their preparation and performance on the ACT, we are providing high-impact instruction, ACT preparation, goal-setting, PreACT administration, and content-specific support in English and Math.

We need your help to meet our goals in the area of Academic Achievement!

- **Make sure your student is present at school to benefit from instruction in each class.**
- **Remember, attendance in class is the most important factor of academic success.**
- **Keep up to date with your student's grades in Schoology. (*Click here for Schoology support.*)**
- **Review test scores, like the PreACT, with your student and discuss areas where your student is achieving and where there are opportunities for growth.**

But the biggest way you can help us help your child be successful is to ensure they are here every day. Per the Report Card, Chronic Absenteeism is an indicator dependent on the number of students who are absent 18 or more days for any reason (excused or unexcused). We will send home attendance reports in January for your review. We will also continue to contact and support students with high absenteeism and to implement incentives like the "No Tardy November" campaign we just completed.

Help your student and our school reduce chronic absenteeism and increase student learning!

- **Review the attendance report that will be sent home in January.**
- **Email creed1@mcps.com with any questions or corrections concerning attendance.**
- **Make sure your student is at school every day unless they are running a fever or are too ill to attend classes.**
- **Absences should not be used when students are able to attend school, even if not feeling their best.**
- **Schedule routine medical appointments for times that allow students to be considered present.**
- **To be considered present, early check out must be after 11:06am and late check in must be before 10:50am.**
- **Remember, even an excused absence with a doctor's note counts toward your student being chronically absent and will count against the school.**

I appreciate your support of Baker High School and look forward to celebrating the continued success of our students.

Sincerely,

John Poiroux

Principal, Baker High School