



GATEWAY MST MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 3
2025

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back, Gateway Families!

We are excited to begin the year of 2025 with experiencing the love of learning. As we prepare for our second semester, we want to remind you of the importance of sending your student to school every day. We will begin our week with a reset in order to review the expectations, protocols, policies and procedures to ensure a conducive environment for learning.

We will also prepare our students to take the benchmark STAR assessment in Math and ELA. Testing will begin January 8, 2025 through January 17, 2025. Every student is required to complete the STAR assessment. Each student is expected to show a minimal growth of 2 years and 5 months in both ELA and Math by the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Thus far, our students have made great strides toward the goal of 2.5.

We look forward to every student accomplishing the 2.5 Goal! We also want you to stay tune for more information for our 1st semester celebration to acknowledge and celebrate our students that showed growth.

Stay warm and we look forward to seeing our students next week!

DaMaris A. White, Ed.D.
Principal



INCLEMENT WEATHER

We are all aware of the upcoming forecast for this weekend, and the possibility of other bad weather days over the next few months. We will do our best to keep you as updated as possible when it comes to Virtual Learning (AMI) Days or School Closures.

Students without I pads: Teachers have created packets with school work for students without access to technology. We will be at school today until 3:00 pm if you are able to drop by and pick that up in case of an AMI day on Monday.

STAR GROWTH INCENTIVES

We want to encourage our students to stay the course by incentivizing them with a fun field trip to Main Event in the Spring. There are three requirements that our students have to achieve in order to be eligible to participate in the incentive:

1. Show a minimal growth of 5 months on the January STAR assessment
2. Attendance: Must not miss more than 3 days out of school for the 3rd quarter
3. No In school/Out of school suspensions

1ST SEMESTER GROWTH

OCTOBER PROGRESS MONITORING

READING					
6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
As of 10.28		As of 10.28		As of 10.28	
104 students		145 students		130 students	
69 tested		119 tested		104 tested	
54 improved		67 improved		55 improved	
4 met/exceeded their goal		11 met/exceeded their goal		9 met/exceeded their goal	
78% improved		56% IMPROVED		53% IMPROVED	
ADVANCED	5	ADVANCED	3	ADVANCED	4
PROFICIENT	12	PROFICIENT	15	PROFICIENT	9
BASIC	28	BASIC	50	BASIC	54
BELOW BASIC	47	BELOW BASIC	73	BELOW BASIC	47
MATH					
6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
As of 10.28		As of 10.28		As of 10.28	
104 students		147 students		131 students	
80 tested		116 tested		112 tested	
53 improved		66 improved		82 improved	
1 met/ exceeded their goal		7 met/exceeded their goal		14 met/exceeded their goal	
66% IMPROVED		54% IMPROVED		73% IMPROVED	
ADVANCED	3	ADVANCED	2	ADVANCED	3
PROFICIENT	1	PROFICIENT	2	PROFICIENT	5
BASIC	16	BASIC	35	BASIC	24
BELOW BASIC	74	BELOW BASIC	106	BELOW BASIC	97

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