



TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**BLUFF CITY PLAN OF
CORRECTION UPDATE**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

BACKGROUND

- In August 2022, as a result of Bluff City's five-year interim review, the Commission voted to place Bluff City on probation in alignment with the Commission's intervention policy.
 - The probationary notice cites reasoning as "continued failure to meet performance targets (state accountability, charter contract, or performance frameworks).



BACKGROUND

- Commission staff met with the school to review the plan of correction requirements.
- Commission staff reviewed the areas of deficiency with Bluff City High School staff and outlined improvement objectives.
- The Bluff City leadership team developed and submitted a Corrective Action Plan aligned to the improvement objectives.



PROGRESS MONITORING

- Commission staff met with Bluff City bi-monthly to review updates on progress toward improvement objectives.
- Staff provided updates to the Commission at the 10/17/2022, 1/26/2023, and 3/23/2023 SPA Committee meetings
- Based on available 2022-23 data, compiled Bluff City's performance in alignment with the improvement objectives to determine if the deficiencies were addressed.



BLUFF CITY PLAN OF CORRECTION

Area of Improvement	Improvement Objectives
Cumulative progress toward academic goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Increase academic achievement and growth in ELA and math by ten percentage points annually on each EOC tested subject.▪ Improve percentage of students in tier 1 by 15 percentage points from fall to spring (reading and math) on internal assessment data.▪ Increase composite ACT score average by 1.5 points annually until achieving an average of 21.
Chronic Absenteeism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reduce number of students chronically absent by 50% annually.
Suspension Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reduce number of suspensions to under 35 per year.
Enrollment Trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Increase and retain 40 new students for a total enrollment of 590 students for FY24.



*These improvement objectives were designed in collaboration with Bluff City leadership.

OTHER ITEMS TO NOTE

- In SY21-22, Bluff City was identified as a “cusp” school for priority status as the school fell into the bottom 10% of overall achievement of high schools.
 - We are awaiting the priority list designations for SY22-23 data.
- For SY22-23, Bluff City was identified as a TVAAS 1 composite and a TVAAS 3 as Numeracy and Literacy Composite.
- Commission staff also pulled comparative data for review of other area schools for context.



BLUFF CITY PROBATIONARY STATUS

- In alignment with Commission Policy 3.400 detailing intervention, Commission staff recommends continuing Bluff City's probationary status for SY23-24 due to lack of adequate marginal improvement across the improvement objectives.



NEXT STEPS

- Commission staff will meet with Bluff City leadership to determine if any adjustments need to be made to the improvement objectives as a result of last year's data.
- Bluff City leadership will make updates to their Plan of Correction for SY23-24 and submit to Commission staff by September 29, 2023.
- Commission staff will present the probationary status recommendation to the Commission at its October 2023 meeting.





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