

Greetings to all Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Compass Academy, I am elated to welcome everyone to start the 2020-2021 school year. Being in education is not just a career choice for me but a passion that I have had for several years. Therefore, when it comes to the needs for students to be successful, I am energized and deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of your children. Here at Compass we all share in the desire for students to be successful through a productive partnership with all necessary stakeholders. This school year will offer challenges that other years did not, yet we are prepared for them and look forward to the best year ever!

When it comes to curriculum we have several things in place for our students to get their academic needs met. Students engage in all grade appropriate courses based on transcripts received from the school in which the student is enrolled. We have several online programs such as Edmentum, Calvert Learning, iReady, and Powerschool to meet the diverse needs of our students. Some of the websites even offer the option for parents and guardians to log on to check student progress. Our program also includes content specific teachers and transition specialists to aid in providing students additional academic support. The use of virtual field trips and virtual speakers have recently become a vital component to our education program. Also, be sure to read over the school handbook provided upon admission. Student engagement is important to their success in our school. Please encourage participation.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to schedule a conference you can give me a call at 901-758-2002 Ext 125 or send an email to [vanese.griffin@uhsinc.com](mailto:vanese.griffin@uhsinc.com). There are a few reminders that I have listed below. If you need help or clarification about what to do then do not hesitate to contact me.

1. Contact information to our school registrar Rondell Williams  
[Rondell.williams@uhsinc.com](mailto:Rondell.williams@uhsinc.com) or 901-758-2002 Ext 138.
2. Parent Surveys will come out. Please, complete them upon receipt. This would be greatly appreciated.

I have a special daily affirmation that is shared with students and I would like to share with you.

*"I am somebody. I was somebody when I came. I'll be a better somebody when I leave. I am powerful, and I am strong. I deserve the education that I get here. I have things to do, people to impress, and places to go."* -Rita Pierson

Thanks for all of your support!

*Vanese Long Griffin*

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