



Principal's Letter
October 19, 2017

Hynes Charter School is very proud of the progress that our students, *your children*, continue to make each and every day. I want to take a moment to thank our Hynes staff, teachers, and families for a wonderfully supportive and incredibly busy first quarter. Over 95% of our student body maintained OUTSTANDING behavior during the first quarter and therefore enjoyed the PBIS celebration!

As we move into the second quarter, I'd like to highlight one of our school-wide goals and suggest ways that families can help support our work.

ELA Goal: Students in grades 3-8 should score STRONG (Advanced or Mastery) in the written expression sub claim.

Writing- This is an essential skill to be able to communicate our thoughts. Writing and thinking are very closely linked. Writing is often the only way that students' abilities are assessed. This is a skill that should not be taught in isolation, but through content. There are many forms of writing and we focus on three at Hynes: narrative (story telling), information/expository (citing evidence from information read or discussed), and persuasive/argumentative (opinion-based with evidence).

My reason for highlighting our expectations is to communicate with families the purpose for our emphasis on writing. Together, we are raising the next generation workforce who will need highly refined communication skills. At home there are many things that you can do to not only support their academic work, but to enrich their lives by providing authentic writing experiences. Click these links to learn more:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/tips-to-support-writing-at-home/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/seven-ways-to-encourage-kids-writing/>

We are all proud to belong to the Hynes School community which has earned an A letter grade by the Louisiana Department of Education. With that success comes the responsibility to continue to grow.