



Information about the Consent Order Between the United States and Huntsville City Schools

In April 2015, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Northeastern Division, approved a Consent Order between the United States and Huntsville Board of Education (the “parties”) in the parties’ school desegregation case. The Consent Order provides Huntsville City Schools (the “District”) a pathway for providing equitable educational opportunities to all of its students, regardless of race, and to achieving “Unitary Status.” “Unitary status” means that a school district provides all students equitable opportunities on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Consent Order covers the following areas:

- Student assignment, including attendance zones and feeder patterns, Majority-to-Minority transfers, and magnet schools/programs;
- Equitable access to course offerings and programs, including gifted programs, special education services, mathematics acceleration, honors/AP/IB courses, and career academies;
- Extracurricular activities;
- Faculty, including recruitment, hiring, promotion, and assignment;
- Facilities;
- Student discipline, positive school climate, and effective classroom management; and
- Transportation.

The U.S. Department of Justice is currently monitoring the District’s implementation of the Consent Order until the District achieves “unitary status” in each of these areas. We encourage community members to reach out to the Department directly at the email address below with any comments or concerns.

Contact the U.S. Department of Justice

If you have concerns about Huntsville City Schools’ implementation of the Consent Order or would like to share relevant information, **please contact us directly:**

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