

Carolina Forest International Elementary School
Honor School of Excellence
2012-2015
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Excellence in Education



School Executive's Message:

The Carolina Forest International Elementary School community continues to embrace the theme of "In the pursuit of excellence, there is no finish line". Our team of teachers, students, families and support staff strive for continuous growth to ensure our students are equipped with 21st century skills to be globally competitive students and leaders. We soared to new heights during the 2011-2012 school year. We received state recognition as an Honor School of Excellence, meeting 25 of 25 target goals set forth by the state of North Carolina. We achieved high growth in 3rd grade math and 5th grade reading and expected growth in all other areas and opened the 2012-2013 school year as an Model Passport International School.

Key Areas of Focus for 2012-2015

- Carolina Forest International Elementary has partnered with the Visiting International Faculty (VIF) organization to transform our campus into a global learning center for students and teachers. Our teachers will integrate a global and multicultural focus with daily instructional activities using the Common Core and Essential Standards.
- Carolina Forest International Elementary will ensure the success of all students by developing functional professional learning communities where teachers collaborate on instructional practices, share resources, discuss assessments and make data-driven decisions to improve instructional delivery.
- Carolina Forest International Elementary will integrate problem-solving and critical thinking instructional practices to create independent learners who synthesize knowledge for real world application.
- Carolina Forest International Elementary will emphasize family, business, community and educational partnerships, celebrate community heritage and enhance our focus on local, national and international service learning opportunities.

Key Challenges to Address for 2012-2015 (Include up to 5 bullets)

- Maintaining personnel, technology and infrastructure resources to ensure students and teachers have access to innovative programs.
- Ensuring that teachers have adequate opportunities for participation in professional learning communities, collaboration and articulation.
- Funding to ensure sustainability of programs and services.
- Adequate resources and support for our ESL, AIG and EC students.

Anticipated Outcomes of 2012-2015 Carolina Forest International Elementary Strategic Plan

Carolina Forest International Elementary students and staff will thrive in a global learning environment with high expectations for continuous growth and development as 21st century leaders. Carolina Forest students and staff will continue our trend of excellence in education, by ensuring that all students and staff surpass growth indicators and maximize opportunities for academic, personal and professional success.