

Carolina Forest International Elementary
2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions
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Excellence in Education

Carolina Forest Elementary will provide knowledge and skills for future success within a safe and welcoming environment, utilizing parent/teacher communication. We will foster the ability to problem-solve, become independent thinkers, and ensure that students can master, apply and extend knowledge in the real world.

Our purpose is to prepare our students for successful futures.

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 were recognized as a University of North Carolina Wilmington Partnership in Action School in the spring of 2013 and a 21st Century Learning Exemplar Model School in August 2013. Our teachers and students continue to exceed academic performance measures. We met all state and federal targets and exceeded growth expectations during 2012-2013.

School's Strengths:

Carolina Forest International Elementary is home to 993 dynamic students and 88 dedicated staff members. We are an internationally focused themed elementary school who continues to outperform state and federal target indicators. We consistently performed above state averages and exceed growth predictions. Our vision of excellence in education and high expectations for students and staff members have resulted in our outstanding academic and teacher performance.

School's Challenges:

- Maintaining personnel, facilities, technology and infrastructure resources to ensure students and teachers have access to innovative programs during times of immense student growth populations.
- 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.

2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:

- Carolina Forest International Elementary has expanded our globalization programs to include a Spanish language immersion program in kindergarten. We now have 7 international faculty members on our campus and have infused global and multicultural integration across grade levels and content areas.
- 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 to celebrate community heritage and enhance our focus on local, national and international service learning opportunities.

Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:

Carolina Forest International Elementary raised the bar again during the 2012-2013 year. We successfully opened the school year as an internationally focused elementary school with 6 international faculty members. We were selected as a University of North Carolina at Wilmington Partnership in Action school in the spring of 2013 with two resident professors on our faculty. We were selected as a Partnership for 21st Century Learning Exemplar Model School in the summer of 2013.