

Jacksonville High School

2012-2015

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Impacting Students to Impact Our World



School Executive's Message

As our society has changed, educators have realized the critical role they play in preparing students for the 21st century. Jacksonville High School continues to address the high school reform challenge with well established research based Smaller Learning Communities. Our journey with Smaller Learning Communities began in 2002 with the Freshman Academy. After Freshman Academy, students may choose to apply to one of five career academies to include Academy of Culinary Arts and Education, Health Sciences Academy, Information Technology & Engineering Academy, Creative & Performing Arts Academy or the International Studies Academy. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is also available for students to pursue an IB Diploma in addition to the NC Diploma. During the 2012-13 school year, a team of teacher leaders will work with district level staff to plan the Construction Tower which will become a cluster of courses within the Information Technology & Engineering Academy. In addition to planning the new Construction Tower, staff will prepare for re-certification of the Health Sciences Academy through the National Career Academy Coalition. Jacksonville High School's Health Sciences Academy is the only nationally certified academy in the Onslow County School district. Offering students the opportunity to participate in smaller learning communities allows staff to lay a foundation for rigor, relevance and relationships, as well as post secondary preparation.

Key Areas of Focus for 2012-2015

- Using data to drive instruction
- Providing innovative instruction to meet the needs of a global society
- Working more collaboratively with NWPM and NBM
- Engaging all stakeholders in the education of our students
- Sustaining programs that are currently in place

Key Challenges to Address for 2012-2015

- Improve student achievement
- Providing staff and students with technology tools
- Time
- Maintaining the physical plant with limited resources
- Funding to sustain current programs offered through the SLC grant

Anticipated Outcomes of Jacksonville High School's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan

Jacksonville High School's Strategic Plan provides all stakeholders with a three-year plan of action to prepare our students to be successful graduates. The strategies were developed to ensure our graduates to be college or career ready and globally competitive in today's demanding society.