



**Northwoods Park Middle
2012-2015
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Excellence in Education**

School Executive's Message: Inspiring learners to open global gateways.

Northwoods Park Middle will continue to provide opportunities for students to learn at high levels of engagement with a focus on global connections and skills necessary to be successful in high school and beyond. Our staff is committed to utilizing the Professional Learning Community framework to work collaboratively to ensure that all students regardless of background or academic level will show academic growth. We value community engagement and partnerships and hope that along with family support we will accomplish the educational goals of the school. Our focus remains constant with our purpose statement, "Inspiring learners to open Global Gateways".

Key Areas of Focus for 2012-2015

- Family and Community Engagement to support school goals
- Implementation of Professional Learning Communities at each grade level
- Training and planning with the Common Core and Essential Standards
- Training and planning to incorporate STEM initiatives
- Training and planning for instruction on Cyber Safety and Bullying

Key Challenges to Address for 2012-2015

- Maintaining technology needs with limited budgets
- Responding to the unique needs of our at-risk learning population particularly: black subgroup, students with disabilities in reading and math
- Providing updated resources for a new curriculum with limited budgets
- Structuring time for staff to attend training sessions and maintain required actions (parent conferences, development of PEPs, IEPs, Unit/Lesson planning, data analysis, PLCs to discuss strategies to meet at-risk student needs, completing NC Education Teacher Modules, etc.)

Anticipated Outcomes of 2012-2015 Northwoods Park Middle Strategic Plan

Northwoods Park Middle will continue to provide a safe and caring environment where ALL students have the opportunity to learn at high levels of engagement with a focus on global connections. The standards have changed and are higher than ever. We believe that through collaborative efforts (Professional Learning Communities) and staff development, we can improve student achievement in all subgroup areas. Our Early Release for Professional Development Days are structured to provide on-site training for concept-based instruction, project-based learning, AVID strategies, International Baccalaureate MYP standards and assessments, PBIS, and curriculum planning on the Common Core and Essential Standards on Rubicon Atlas. Humanities staff is working to implement/integrate Global Connections curriculum through our VIF partnership enhancing rigor and relevance along with the Essential Standards. Technology is increasingly becoming a necessary part of our personal and professional lives. It is imperative that we guide our students as they create and leave their digital footprints. Through education on "Digital Citizenship" students will become aware of the norms of appropriate, responsible behavior with regard to technology use. And lastly, as the saying goes, "It takes a village..." we aim to encourage and embrace family and community involvement as we structure activities and events that ultimately will support our youth in the journey to success in middle school, graduation from high school, and beyond.