

Carolina Forest International Elementary

2013-2014 Results and 2014-2015 Next Actions

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Vision:

Excellence in Education

Mission:

Carolina Forest International Elementary inspires creativity and ambition to succeed while empowering students to invest in their learning. Our team provides a safe and vibrant environment where students develop academic, social and emotional strengths. We foster parent/teacher/student partnerships to ensure student success.

Purpose:

Inspiring students to soar in an ever-changing, global society.

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 continue to capitalize on our community heritage and to embrace globalization as a means to delivering a curricular program that prepares our students with the skills they will need to compete in a 21st Century world. Our teachers and students continue to meet academic performance measures. We met all 39 performance targets and made expected growth during 2013-2014.

School's Strengths:

Carolina Forest International Elementary is home to 1044 dynamic students and nearly 100 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 meet growth expectations. Our leadership team has a renewed focus on the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) model and will continue to work cohesively with our community of stakeholders to ensure the success of all students.

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. We currently have 1044 students and continue to enroll students daily. Maintaining the quality of our programs and services and our infrastructure is a daily challenge.
- Funding to ensure sustainability of programs and services.

- Adequate resources and support for our ESL, AIG and EC students.

2014-2015 Focused Next Actions:

- Carolina Forest International Elementary continues to expand our international focus by adding a second cohort of Splash! Spanish language immersion in kindergarten and by adding a 1st grade class. Our team now includes 10 international faculty members.
- Carolina Forest International Elementary has renewed our focus on the PLC model and will ensure planning time is consistent with PLC guiding principles. Additionally, our administrative team will focus on building capacity amongst team leaders to provide additional support to teachers.
- The leadership team at Carolina Forest International Elementary has implemented the WAVE elective schedule to provide weekly PLC time for teachers.
- Carolina Forest International Elementary will continue to facilitate a safety patrol and flag service program for 4th and 5th grade students to expand their influence to include bullying awareness and prevention.
- 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.
- Subgroup areas of concern where we met goals with the confidence interval:
 - Reading – EC Students
 - Math – EC Students
 - Math – White Students

Greatest Accomplishment in 2013-2014:

- Carolina Forest International Elementary successfully completed our second year as an internationally themed elementary school.
- Carolina Forest International Elementary expanded international programs by offering Spanish language immersion in kindergarten and we had our first group of students complete the kindergarten program and continue on into the 1st grade class.
- The federal performance composite was 68.9%; we met expected growth and 39 of 39 AMOs (15 reading, 15 math and 8 science).
- Carolina Forest International Elementary was able to sustain technology resources amidst substantial student/teacher growth and procured technology resources to outfit new classrooms (interactive whiteboards, document cameras and student computers).
- The Carolina Forest International Elementary PTO procured a new playground to support the growth in our student population.
- Carolina Forest International Elementary parents and community members are kept abreast of student progress and school happenings using technology resources such as weekly emails, teacher websites and all-calls.