



Alamance Community School
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Find meaning, develop empathy, create solutions

Alamance Community School is committed to helping students become engaged citizens by finding meaning in learning through exploring real-world problems and creating innovative and exciting solutions.

Overview

Alamance Community School (ACS) is a Project Based Learning (PBL) school in Haw River, NC. We offer a unique academic program that exemplifies the best in collaborative, real-world learning while preparing our students for the 21st Century.

- ACS will begin accepting applications for Kindergarten - Eighth Grade on January 1, 2026
- ACS is a tuition-free NC Public Charter School currently serving K - 8th grade with approximately 810 students
- Class size: 20-22 students in Elementary & 23-25 in Middle School
- School Hours:
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:15 am - 3:15 pm
 - Wednesday: 8:15 am - 1:15 pm (2 Hour Early Dismissal Every Wednesday for Staff PD & Planning)
- ACS is on a trimester schedule to coordinate with the State of NC reading and math assessment schedule - report cards are completed 3 times per year - every 12 weeks.
- Title I Program Provides Reading & Math Coaching for teachers, in addition to Reading Interventions

Curriculum & Special Features

Project Based Learning: At ACS, Project Based Learning is an integral part of the philosophy and mission. Students are presented with interesting, relevant, and meaningful problems to solve. Students complete 3 projects per year (1 per trimester). We follow the NC Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) and the Essential Standards in Science and Social Studies to determine each grade-level project.

Literacy Instruction: ACS follows the NCSCOS in Reading and Writing. We use a variety of resources such as Heggerty Phonics, LETRS, interactive read alouds, and decodable books. In 5th - 8th Grade, teachers use the Reading Reconsidered curriculum and Words Their Way. During the literacy block, students develop strong reading and writing skills through the use of: reading and writing mini lessons, literacy small groups, interactive read alouds, mentor texts, conferencing, independent reading, literature response, writing craft techniques, drafting, editing, and revising, purposeful share, and literacy workstations.

Math Workshop: ACS follows the NCSCOS in Math and utilizes a Math Workshop Model by incorporating the Zearn math curriculum, in addition to pulling from multiple resources to meet these standards, such as Math in Practice, Math Talks, Math Tasks, and Tools4NCTeachers. First, students have a whole group math mini lesson. Next, students rotate through math workstations, including a small guided math group with the teacher on the student's level.

Responsive Classroom - Morning Meeting & Middle School Advisory: We use a system of classroom management called Responsive Classroom. The main goal of Responsive Classroom is to promote optimal student learning and create a caring community of students and staff. It is a research-based program that shows students learn best when they feel safe, challenged and happy. The main components of Responsive Classroom are the First Six Weeks of School, Morning Meeting, Middle School Advisory, Hopes and Dreams, Rule Creation, Guided Discovery and Logical Consequences. During the First Six Weeks of School, we spend time learning the rules, routine, procedures, etc. that will foster our students as independent

learners and will make our classroom run smoothly. Everyday, children gather in morning meetings or middle school advisory to greet each other, start the day and learn social skills like respect, responsibility, and empathy.

Empathy and Service at ACS: We integrate empathy and service throughout the day particularly through our Responsive Classroom and Fly Five practices and Project Work.

Technology: ACS offers a 21st century learning environment in which every student in 2nd - 8th grade has access to Chromebooks (1:1) and in Kindergarten and 1st grade can use iPads (2:1) within their classrooms. Students use these devices in math and literacy workstations and for project research. Each classroom also has an interactive Smart TV to enhance the learning experience.

Specials & Electives: ACS offers five specials (PE, Art, Music, STEM and & Global Connections) for **Kindergarten - 4th Grade** and are often integrated within our project work. **Middle School Students** are able to choose from a wide variety of elective offerings, such as Musical Theatre, Science Olympiad, Spanish, Art , PE, and more. Rising 7th Graders can elect to take Spanish 1 across the 7th & 8th Grade years for high school credit. Also, 8th Grade students that are academically ready to take Math I will have the opportunity to take the class & earn HS credit.

Lunch: ACS does not have an on-site cafeteria. Students eat in their classrooms or picnic outside, when weather permits. ACS partners with My Hot Lunchbox (MHLB) to provide students with a hot lunch option. Families can order lunch from a wide variety of options provided by your student's favorite local restaurants. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches are provided a meal.

Transportation: Parents/Guardians must arrange their child's transportation or carpool to and from school. ACS DOES NOT provide bus transportation.

Before/After School Care: On-site Before/After School Care is offered for students via our contracted vendor, Genesis Athletics. They also offer a robust 4-H program. For more information regarding cost, times, etc., please contact Genesis Athletics at: 336 270-5052, then press 3 when prompted, or email at: genesisathleticsnc@gmail.com

Summer Camps: During the month of June, we offer free and fee-based summer camp options, such as a reading camp for struggling readers or a project work camp for students performing above grade level.

Student Ambassadors & Student Council: The ACS Student Ambassador Program & Student Council is for students in 4th Grade and up. Students may complete an application and get 2 references from an adult and a peer within ACS who knows their character and suitability for the program. ACS Ambassadors & Student Council members are highly responsible and respectful students who serve our school.

Middle School Athletics: 6th - 8th graders are able to participate in competitive and non-competitive sports. As our middle school grows, the athletic offerings will continue to expand. Sports this year include:

- Fall - Coed Cross Country; Boys Soccer; & Volleyball
- Winter - Boys & Girls Basketball & Cheerleading; &
- Spring - Coed Golf & Girls Soccer

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO): ACS has an active PTO that plans multiple Family Nights at local restaurants and fun events at different venues throughout the year. They also provide ways for families to volunteer their time and service.

What happens after 8th Grade? ACS has an Articulation Agreement with Carolina Collegiate, a new charter high school opening in 2026. <https://www.carolinacollegiate.org/>