

SOUTH FORSYTH MIDDLE SCHOOL



2018-2019 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2019

Re-Designated in

Community Size - Suburban

School Enrollment - 1296

Grade Levels - 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

School Calendar - traditional

Free & Reduced Lunch - 3.53%

English Learners - 0%

Students with Disabilities - 6.3%

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School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Using the Forsyth County Schools' Learner Profile as a guide, teachers prepare students for future opportunities by embedding the Learner Profile attributes into daily routines and lessons.
- On-level, advanced, gifted, and accelerated courses are offered with 8th graders having the opportunity to earn up to three high school credits in Algebra or Accelerated Coordinate Algebra/Analytical Geometry, Physical Science, and Spanish.
- South Forsyth Middle School provided a rich variety of Connection courses including Health, Physical Education, Dramatic Arts, Visual Arts, Band, Chorus, Broadcasting, Yearbook, Marketing,

2018-2019 School Demographics

- **African American - 2.3%**
- **Asian - 38%**
- **Caucasian - 50.3%**
- **Filipino - 0%**
- **Hispanic - 5.3%**
- **Native American - 0.3%**
- **Pacific Islander - 0%**
- **Other - 0%**
- **Two or More - 3.8%**

Business and Computer Science, Engineering and Technology, and Healthcare Science.

- South Forsyth Middle School has a flexible schedule which provides for Learning Support Time built into the school day for remediation and enrichment.
- The mission statement of SFMS, Educating, Motivating, and Empowering today's students for tomorrow's opportunities, guides the work of creating engaging educational experiences preparing all students for current and future success.

Developmental Responsiveness

- South Forsyth Middle School creates an environment that supports academic success while at the same time supporting each student's social and emotional needs.
- All students participate in activities which encompass the 7 Mindsets philosophy which helps students discover who they are and what is important to them.
- Students in 7th and 8th grade participate in a Day of Service where they provide man-hours to the local charitable organizations.
- Several programs, Kick It Up Club, Sources of Strength, Student Advisory, and Peer Buddies, provide students opportunities to serve in leadership roles.
- South Forsyth Middle has over 40 clubs and organizations offered before and after school. Students compete competitively in Academic Bowl, Math Club, Science Olympiad, Debate, Robotics, DECA, HOSA and FBLA.
- Competitive athletics is open to 7th and 8th grade students and include football, cheerleading, basketball, golf, and track and field.

Social Equity

- Teachers at South Forsyth Middle School design differentiated lessons based on the needs and learning styles of each student.
- Learning Support Time (LST) is offered for forty minutes twice a week for students to work in small groups as teachers provide additional instruction and practice.
- Students who are below grade level in math and/or reading are assigned a literacy class where the teacher uses data daily to identify weaknesses and provide instruction to close gaps in learning.
- Students in sixth and seventh grade are taught research-based instructional strategies, Strategic Instruction Model® (SIM), to support reading, writing, remembering, studying and test taking skills.
- Passion Projects (6th grade) and Awareness Campaigns (7th grade) are the basis for instruction in the ELA Enrichment classes where students utilize research and writing strategies to complete these projects.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the school's annual Eagle Summit Showcase, an event designed for students to showcase their school and extracurricular projects.

Organizational Support

- The school's motto "excellence Never Rests" sets the tone for continuous improvement and engagement for all.
- Staff members participate in grade level, content Data Teams utilizing formative, summative, and benchmark data to inform instruction and personalize learning.

- Professional Learning Communities are utilized to support teacher growth through exploration and sharing of educational practices.
- All teachers are encouraged to present best practices at our bi-monthly Breakfast Club.
- South Forsyth Middle has an active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Local School Council (LSC), providing insight and guidance on the organizational processes of school.
- Staff members are given opportunities to serve on the Local School Council, Leadership Team, 7 Mindsets Committee, and/or New Teacher Orientation Team.