



NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

VISITOR'S GUIDE

Ellerbe Middle School



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2017 School Statistics

(Sources: 2017 Power School)

Community: Small Rural School
Enrollment: 228
Grade Levels: 6-8

Student Demographics

- 27% Hispanic
- 36% White
- 30% African American
- 4% Multi-Racial
- 2% Native American
- <1% Asian

- >90% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 10% English Learners

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Implements school wide research based strategies for consistency across the learning community
- Utilizes a team approach to lesson planning to ensure vertical and horizontal curriculum alignment and grade level instruction
- Utilize peer observation and instructional rounds to reflect upon and improve teacher practice
- Featured as a model school for the use of math stations
- Data driven professional learning community meetings that inform intervention and enrichment instructional periods

Developmental Responsiveness

- School programs based on research around adolescent development
- Relationships with trusted adults are fostered and nurtured through enrichment clubs
- Students receive support from mentors based on developmental needs

Social Equity

- Inclusive classroom “Communities” that are heterogeneously mixed
- Grading policy provides student increased opportunities for success
- Intramural program inclusive of all student and affiliated with Project Unify

Organizational Support

- School Pillars of alignment with the common core/essential standards, appropriate instruction strategies, and assessments with a focus on rigor and relevance are evident in the policies and procedures of the school
- Active parent support
- Solid teaming model across the curriculum and grade level is in place to make yearly improvements