



NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

VISITOR'S GUIDE

McGee's Crossroads Middle



Re-Designated in 2017

School Name: McGee's Crossroads Middle School
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2017 School Statistics

(Sources: PowerSchool)

Community: Rural Middle School
Enrollment: 800
Grade Levels: 6-8

Student Demographics

- 15% Hispanic
- 74% White
- 9% African American
- 2% Multi-Racial
- 43% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 10% English Learners

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Developmental Responsiveness

· Extra-curricular Clubs / Programs · Jazz Band · Chorus / Showcase of Stars · Battle of the Books · Math Counts · Science Olympiad · FFA · Peer Mediation · Beta Club · Student Government Association · Counselors · Provide student support · Peer mediation · Parent Conferences · Bullying Awareness · Classroom Guidance Activities through all Social Studies classes · Transitional Programs o 5 th grade student visits from feeder schools o Information nights for 5th grade parents to establish relationships and disseminate information earlier o High School staff visits and parent information nights for our 8th grade students

Social Equity

EC and ESL Inclusion for Core Classes · Remediation / Tutoring · 30 minutes built into school schedule for remediation (MANE) · Teachers have before and after school tutoring · 3 volunteer tutors and full time staff member to work with struggling students in Math and Reading · Communication · School and teacher websites · Connect-ED- automated phone calls, email and text messages to inform parents on a regular basis · Parent Portal via PowerSchool- parents can check their child's grades and attendance at any time · Parent Information Nights · Open House · Parent-Teacher Conferences; Student and Staff Recognitions o Character education recognition each month o Quarterly and End of Year Recognitions for Academics and Growth Staff Recognitions at monthly staff meetings Honor Roll Recognition

Organizational Support

· Professional Learning Communities · RCD Units · PDP North Carolina · Focused on 4 guiding questions: What do we want our students to know and do? How will we know if they have learned what we expect? What will we do with the students who did not learn the information? What will we do with the students who learned the information to accelerate their learning? · Scheduled meetings each week; ½ day data analysis workshops each quarter · Culture of collaboration and sharing of best practices · Goal Committees · Every teacher is on a goal committee to review, revise and suggest strategies for continuous school improvement and development of the School Improvement Plan · 4 Goal Committees- Safe and Orderly Environment; Academic and Character Growth; Effective Use of Resources; Parent and Community Involvement · Parent and Community Involvement · PTA · Parent Advisory Group · Athletic Booster Club · Career Fair for 7th and 8th grade students · STARS Remediation / Acceleration · Each day of the week has a scheduled 30-minute block for remediation / acceleration activities · Elective, EC, and all core teachers are involved · Monday- math; Tuesday- reading; Wednesday- science; Thursday- social studies; Friday- electives · Teachers use PLC time to determine which students will be in the remediation activities or the acceleration activities; they also plan the intentional remediation lessons as a PLC to meet the academic needs of the students (use Rtl plans, common assessment results, and I Ready Results)