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Find meaning, develop empathy, create solutions.

Friday. May 20



ACS Leadership Team



- Leslie Paynter, Managing Director
- Jamie Miller, Principal
- Ana DuBois, Assistant Principal
- Catherine Quick, Curriculum Director
- Scott Tribotte, Counselor
- Mary Beth Tucker, MTSS Coordinator
- Leslie Jewell, Student Records & Testing Coordinator
- Cindy Gittens, Social Worker
- Karen Cozart, Administrative Assistant

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• Kelly Holland, Project Manager



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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.

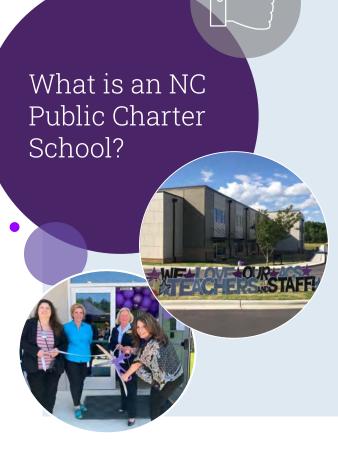
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About Alamance Community School and NC Public Charter Schools

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A charter school is a **TUITION-FREE**, **PUBLIC SCHOOL of CHOICE** that is authorized by the State Board of Education and operated by an independent non-profit board of directors.

It has open enrollment and **CANNOT** discriminate in admissions, associated with any religion or religious group, or charge tuition.

It must admit any child residing in NC who is qualified to attend NC schools regardless of the school district where the child resides.

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What is a NC Public Charter School?



- A public charter school is REQUIRED to participate in the state's accountability program, administer end-of-grade and end-of course tests, and provide data needed for NC School Report Cards.
- State and local tax dollars are the primary funding sources for the charter school "the money follows the child".

Funding for the school comes from federal, state, and local taxes.

• Charter schools **DO NOT** receive funds for **CAPITAL** expenses (building a school building, renovations, etc.).



ACS is Continuing to Grow

We have completed **Cottage #1 for 5th & 6th Graders** We are in the process of site and construction permitting to add:

- Cottage #2 with 11 classrooms for 7th & 8th Grade and
- A full size Middle School Gym
- The Middle School Gym & Cottage #2 will be ready this summer in **August 2024**
- This year we added **Middle School Athletics** and those offerings will continue to expand
- Next year, we will add 7th grade

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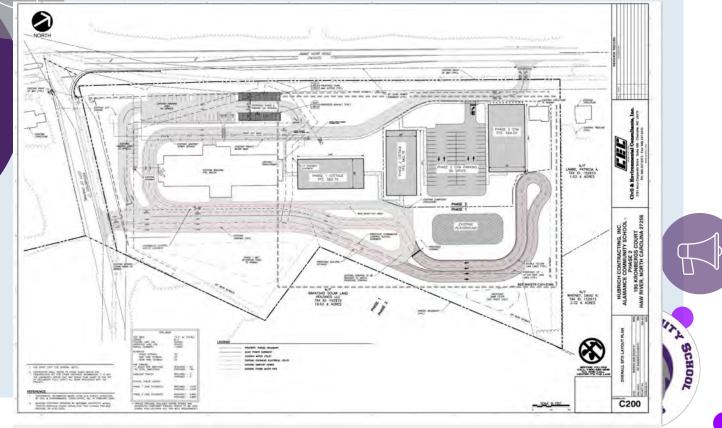
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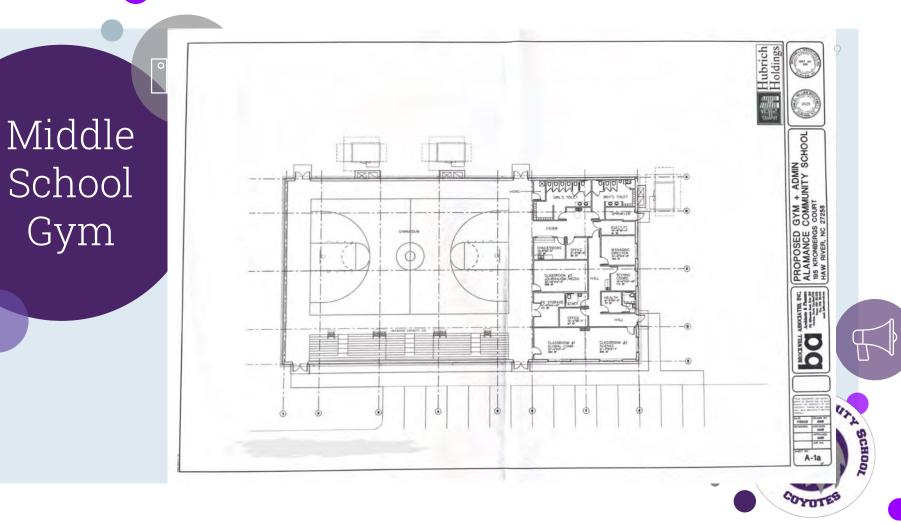
- For 2025 2026 school year, ACS will serve Kindergarten -8th Grade
- We have an Articulation Agreement with West Triangle High School, a new charter high school opening in western Orange County in 2025



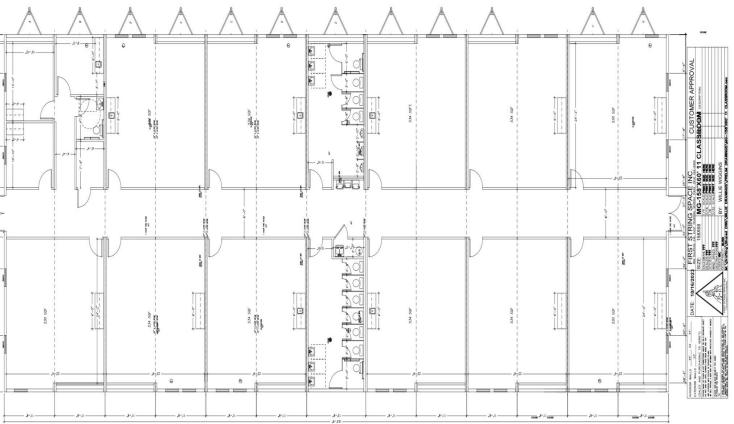
The final phase of construction will be completed this summer - August 2024

Overall Site Plan











- ACS opened in September 2020 serving Kindergarten - Third Grade
- 2023 2024: Kindergarten Sixth Grade
- 2024 2025: Kindergarten Seventh Grade
- Adding a grade level each year until reaching Eighth Grade in 2025
- 20 22 students per class
- 21st Century Learning Environment with iPads, Chromebooks, and Interactive TVs

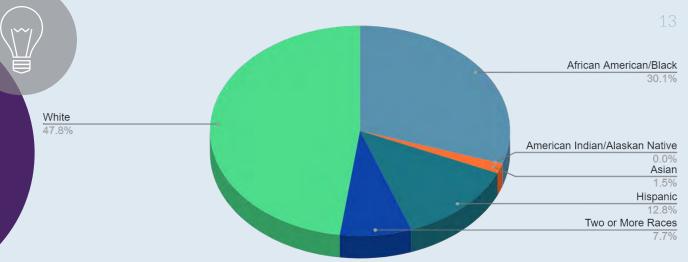




- On-site Before & After School Care provided by our outside vendor, Genesis Athletics - fee based. For more information: <u>BEFORE & AFTER CARE</u>
- Children can bring their lunch or purchase a lunch from the contracted vendors through My Hot Lunchbox.
 Children eat lunch in their classroom.
- Free & Reduced Lunches are provided for families who complete necessary paperwork and qualify.
- ACS is a school-wide Title I School



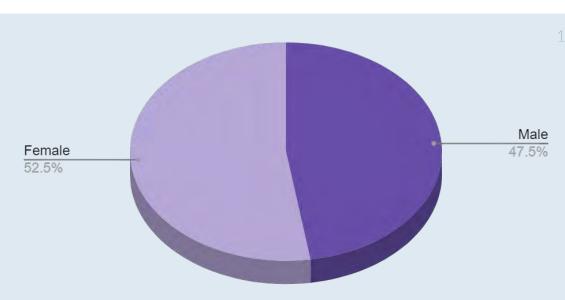
2023 - 2024 Student Demographics



	RACE/ETHNICITY													
African American/Black	30%	Hispanic	12.8%											
American Indian/Alaskan Native	.003%	Two or More Races	7.7%											
Asian	1.5%	White	47.7%											



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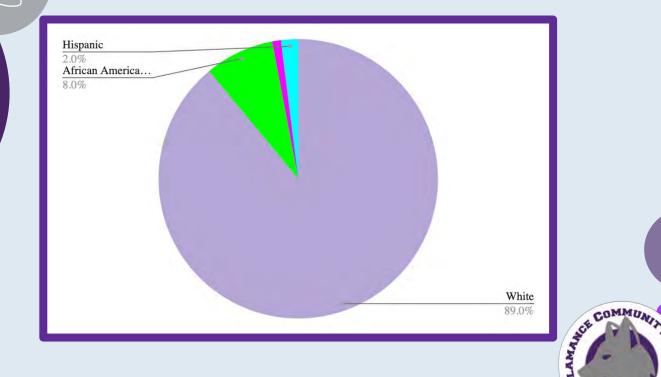


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Economically Disadvantaged	51.9%	Male	47.5%
Special Education	12.4%	Female	52.5%
ELL	3.2%		



2023 - 2024 Staff Demographics



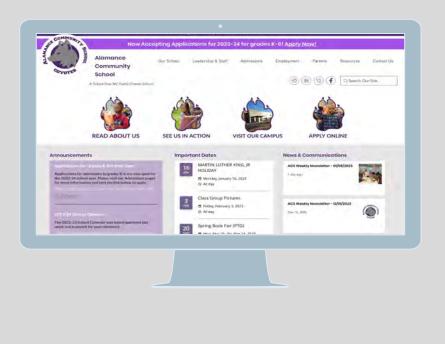
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ACS Digital Resource Links

- <u>Virtual Tour</u>
- Digital Brochure
- <u>ACS Website</u>
- ACS Facebook Page



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Curriculum

Responsive Classroom | Morning Meeting | Workshop Model | Project Based Learning | Specials | Empathy Initiative



Responsive Classroom & Morning Meeting

• Responsive Classroom

- Promotes optimal student learning and creates 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, Hopes and Dreams, Rule Creation,
 Guided Discovery and Logical Consequences.

Morning meetings at ACS include the following:

- Greeting
- Sharing
- Activity/Team Building
- News and
 - Announcements



Literacy Instruction NC Standard Course of Study in Reading

Reading Mini Lessons, Small Group Instruction, Interactive Read Aloud, Phonics & Word Study

Literacy instruction helps students develop strong reading skills through the use of:

- Phonics & Word Study
- Mini Lessons
- Small group literacy instruction
- Read Alouds
- Conferencing
- Independent Reading
- Literature Response writing about reading
- Purposeful Share
- Literacy Workstations
- Middle School also uses Reading Reconsidered & Words Their Way

Writing Workshop NC Standard Course of Study in Writing

Writing Mini Lessons

Students:

- Live, work and learn as writers.
- Observe their lives and the world around them while collecting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.
- Apply the skills and strategies they've learned to their own writing projects.
- $\circ \quad \text{Share writing.}$
- Teacher feedback is given through one-to-one conferences, small group instruction, and includes instructional compliments and teaching.





NC Standard Course of Study in Math

- We will pull from multiple resources to meet these standards:
 - ZEARN
 - IXL
 - Math in Practice
 - Math Talks
 - Math Tasks
 - NC DPI Math Wiki
- Math mini-lesson
- Students rotate through math workstations, including a small guided math group on the students' levels.



- At ACS Project Based Learning is an integral part of our 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 project. <u>NC STANDARD</u> <u>COURSE OF STUDY</u>



Visit Mr. Tribotte's Virtual Office

Social Emotional Learning or SEL is a fundamental skill that is a focus at Alamance Community School. We follow the NC Guidance Essential Standards to support students in their cognitive, career, and personal/social development.

Students receive classroom guidance instruction on a variety of topics to meet their needs, including: empathy, feelings/emotions, self esteem, and much more!

Small groups and individual short term counseling are offered in addition to whole group instruction.



K - 4th Grade Specials & Middle School "Spelectives"

- ACS offers five specials for **K 4th Grade**
 - PE, Art, Music, STEM
 & Global Connections
 - Students rotate through and attend each special one time per week.
- Middle School Students are able to choose from a wide variety of elective offerings (Spelectives), such as Musical Theatre, Lego Robotics, and Volleyball.

Exceptional Children & Title I Interventions



Exceptional Children's Program:

- 3 Exceptional Children's Teachers (Kindergarten -6th Grade)
- Related Services
 - Speech
 - **OT**
 - PT
- EC Facilitator: Kylene French

Title I Interventions:

- 4 Literacy Specialists (Kindergarten 6th Grade)
- 1 Math Specialist (3rd 6th Grade)



- 10 15 minutes of empathy &/or purposeful service will be built into each day
- All grade levels and classes will integrate community building and empathy into their Project Work.
 - Empathy & Service Projects may include
 making a Buddy Bench, starting a recycling
 program, collecting food for a local food
 pantry, & making cards for veterans



•Other Program Features

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Genesis Before & After Care Program and 4-H

ACS provides a fee based on-site before and after school care program option through a 3rd party vendor, Genesis Athletics, for families.

Alamance Community 4-H opened its charter in the fall of 2022 under Evelyn Krieley's (Genesis Athletics) direction. They are currently offering programs based on registration. In 2023, they expanded to offer more programs and also summer camps.

Student Ambassadors



Student Ambassadors & Student Council: The ACS Student Ambassador & Student Council Program is for students in 4th Grade and up. ACS Ambassadors & Student Council Representatives are highly responsible and respectful students who represent and serve our school.



The Arts, Summer Camps, and PTO

Summer Camps: During the month of June, we offer free and fee-based summer camp options.

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



Middle School Athletics



• Current Middle School Athletic Offerings

- Fall Coed Competitive Cross Country
- Winter Cheer Club
- Spring Coed Competitive Golf
- As we continue to expand our middle school up to 8th grade, we will add more middle school athletic offerings, such as boys and girls basketball and soccer.



Schedule & School Calendar

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School Hours

Wednesdays

8:15am - 1:15pm 2-hour Early Release Every Wednesday

Morning Carline

7:45 am - 8:15am

Wednesday Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal

1:15-1:45pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

8:15am - 3:15pm

Morning Carline

7:45 am - 8:15 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal

3:15-3:45 pm

The Alamance Community School calendar shall comply with applicable laws concerning educational instruction time. ACS shall follow the minimum of 1,025 hours of instruction guideline set forth by 2012 Senate Bill 187.

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Current - 2023 - 2024 School Calendar

2024 - 2025 School Calendar

Important Elements of Our School Calendar

- School Begins in Early to Mid August
- Early Release Wednesdays for Professional Development
- Fall Break ~ Early October
- Winter Break ~ Mid-December Early January
- Spring Break ~ Mid-April
- School Ends in Late May



Applications, The Lottery & Questions

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Applications & Lottery Timeline

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- January 1, 2024 Online admission application opened in SchoolMint
- February 29, 2024 at 11:59 pm Admission application closes for those who wish to be included in the lottery
 - March 7, 2024 at 12:00 noon Admission lottery held for the public (Members of the public may attend via Zoom). Initial admission offers made. Each applicant will receive a notification by email or text, whichever method you indicate on your application, at the completion of the lottery, notifying them of their admission offer or position on the waitlist.
 - **Thursday, March 7, 2024** Following the lottery, full registration packets will be available on SchoolMint to families that accept an Offer of Admissions
- Monday, March 25, 2024 Due date to accept offered lottery seats.
 If you have not accepted the offer by Monday, March 27, you risk forfeiting your child's spot.
- **TBD** There will be 2 in-person Registration Days

For Questions About... Contact...



Applications, the Lottery, & Registration - Kelly Holland admissions@alamancecommunityschool.net

Curriculum - Catherine Quick, Curriculum Director cquick@alamancecommunityschool.net

Exceptional Children - Kylene French, EC Facilitator kfrench@alamancecommunityschool.net

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General Information frontdesk@alamancecommunityschool.net



Thanks!

Any questions?

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