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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2015-2016

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LETTER FROM DR. WORRELL

Thank you for taking time to review this report from Asheboro City Schools. In the next few pages, we will provide information about the 2015-16 school year. I am proud of our highly-qualified educators and our outstanding students. During the 2015-16 school year we saw our four-year cohort graduation rate reach an all-time high of 92.6 percent. Asheboro City Schools was recognized as one of the top ten school districts in the state for highest graduation rate. The continued rise in our graduation rate reflects a deep commitment on the part of the Board of Education, staff, students, and families.

We celebrate our successes during the 2015-16 school year and will remain focused on uncovering opportunities for continuous improvement. We are committed to providing high-quality learning opportunities for each student in Asheboro City Schools, so they can become successful lifelong learners, workers, leaders, and citizens.

While we certainly hope you enjoy reading about our

students, educators, and learning opportunities, we also encourage you to partner with us. Read with our students, have lunch with our students, come and see what we do day in and day out.

The 2015-16 annual report is divided into eight sections including:

- *School Highlights;*
- *ACS by the Numbers;*
- *Athletic Achievements;*
- *Excellence in the Arts;*
- *Service Learning;*
- *Excellent Educators;*
- *Partnering with our Community;*
- *Planning for Success.*

Whether you're a parent, employee, community partner, or taxpayer, we thank you for supporting Asheboro City Schools, a learning community of excellence!

Sincerely,

Dr. Terry W. Worrell
Superintendent



“BY 2021, 100% of ACS students WILL graduate GLOBALLY competitive for college, careers, AND citizenship.”

VISION STATEMENT

Asheboro City Schools will be a community of excellence where each student graduates globally competitive for college, careers, and citizenship.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to providing rigorous, individualized, and engaging learning opportunities for all students in a safe and inviting environment to ensure our students can become successful lifelong learners, prepared for global citizenship.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Asheboro City Board of Education provides vision and direction for the school district and advocates for the students and staff of Asheboro City Schools. We are grateful for their support, dedication, and many years of service.



Top Row left to right:

Kyle Lamb (*chair*), Phillip R. Cheek, Gustavo Agudelo, Linda Cranford, Baxter Hammer

Middle Row left to right:

Joyce Harrington, Gidget Kidd, Dr. Beth Knott, Jeni Martin, Archie Priest Jr.

Bottom Row left to right:

Michael B. Smith, Dr. Terry W. Worrell

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING CHALLENGE



The inaugural Superintendent's Reading Challenge was started this year in all nine Asheboro City schools. The challenge was posed to all students, staff, and families to read 100,000 books by the end of the school year. By mid-May, students across the district had accomplished the goal. To celebrate reading 100,000 books, ice cream parties were hosted at each school. The 2016-2017 reading challenge for students and staff is 250,000 books.

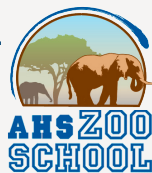
CLASS OF 2016



On June 8, Asheboro High School graduated 282 seniors. The Class of 2016 earned over \$3.2 million in scholarships, grants, and other funding to pursue their future goals. Of the 282 graduates, there were 94 Distinguished graduates (4.0 GPA or higher),

and 46 Honor graduates (3.5-3.999 GPA). The Class of 2016 also had the highest number of graduates to achieve an unweighted GPA of 4.0 for all four years in high school. Additionally, the district met its strategic goal of 90% graduation. In 2016, the four-year cohort graduation rate reached an all time high of 92.6%.

AHS ZOO SCHOOL FFA CHAPTER



Students at the Asheboro High School Zoo School chartered the first FFA Chapter in the district. Over the course of the school year, Chapter members participated in a number of community service projects, spoke at a variety of civic clubs, and several students have competed in FFA competitions across the region and state. Two students and one team from the Asheboro Zoo FFA



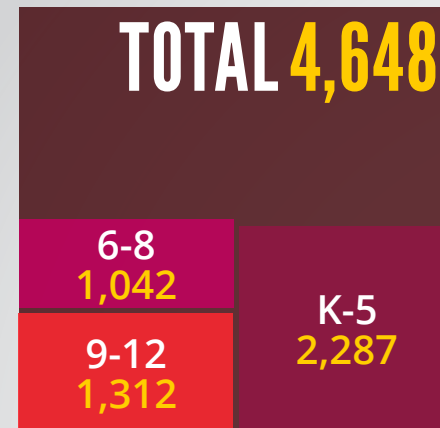
Chapter competed in the state FFA Competition in June.

ACS ADVANCED ACCREDITATION

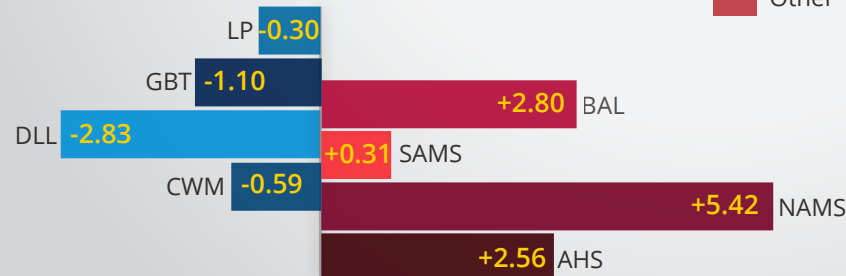
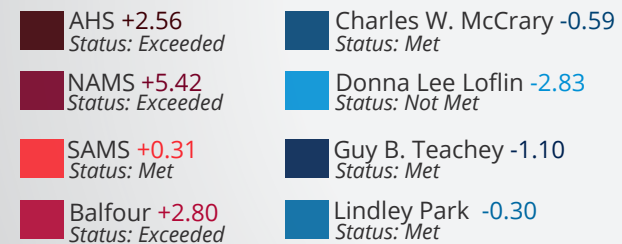
Asheboro City Schools earned the distinction of accreditation by AdvancED in February 2016. During the rigorous three-day evaluation, an external review team met with 106 school system stakeholders. The review focused on three areas including: teaching and learning impact; leadership capacity; and resource utilization. Asheboro City Schools was commended for using powerful continuous improvement practices based on measurable goals that are connected to student achievement. The district was also recognized for fostering nurturing and positive learning environments and having effectively managed classrooms to support the academic and emotional needs of students. They concluded their report by noting the great pride stakeholders take in being part of the Asheboro City Schools' community.



STUDENT MEMBERSHIP



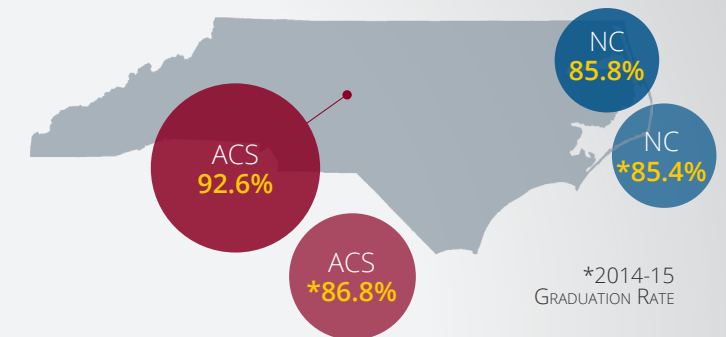
ACADEMIC GROWTH



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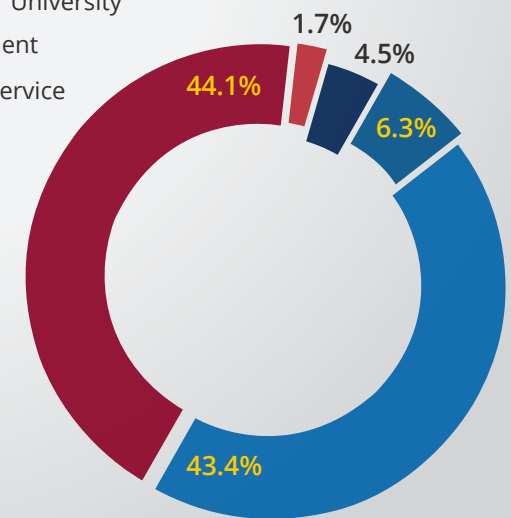
ACS BY THE NUMBERS

2015-16 COHORT GRADUATION RATE



GRADUATE INTENTIONS

- Community College/Technical/Trade School
- Four-year University
- Employment
- Military Service
- Other



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



NICK COE 2016 NCHSAA MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Senior Nick Coe was a four-year letter winner in both football and wrestling. He competed in the state championship wrestling tournament all four years at Asheboro High School and was named State Champion his junior and senior years. NCHSAA named Coe the 2016 Male Athlete of the Year for the state of North Carolina. Coe is currently attending Auburn University where he plays football.



AHS VOLLEYBALL PLAYS IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Asheboro High School Blue Comets Volleyball team won the Eastern Regional Championship and advanced to the 3A North Carolina State Championship in November 2015. The Blue Comets had an excellent season, finishing as the NCHSAA 3A State Champion runner-up. This was the first time since 1995 that the AHS Volleyball team advanced to the state level.

THREE STATE CHAMPION TITLES

Maci Bunting – High Jump
Nick Coe – Wrestling
Sawyer Davidson – Wrestling



"I'M VERY EXCITED. SO MUCH HARD WORK WENT INTO IT."
- NICK COE, STATE CHAMPION, MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

"MY COACHES REALLY PUSHED ME TO BE THE BEST ATHLETE I COULD BE. THEY KEPT SAYING, 'I KNOW YOU CAN DO THIS, DON'T GIVE UP.'"

- MACI BUNTING, STATE CHAMPION



JOSIAH CLARK SELECTED IN ALL-COUNTY HONORS BAND

Josiah Clark, a senior euphonium player in the Asheboro High School Band program, was selected for the prestigious North Carolina Bandmaster's Association Senior High School Honor Band. The band met for two days in April with a nationally-renowned conductor and then performed a concert in Memorial Hall on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Clark is continuing his education at Appalachian State University, where he is studying music and business.



"THROUGH ALL THE PRACTICE, PERFORMANCE, STRUGGLE, AND ADVENTURE, MY EXPERIENCE WITH AHS BAND HAS BEEN UNFORGETTABLE."
- JOSIAH CLARK

EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

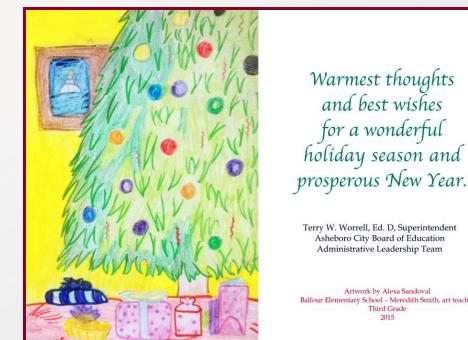
HONOR CHORUS

Five students were selected from Asheboro City Schools to sing with the North Carolina Elementary Honors Chorus at the Music Educators Conference last fall in Winston-Salem. Students invited included Piper Westhoff from Teachey Elementary School, and Evie Surratt, Calvin Smith, Josue Escalante and Patrick Piansay from Lindley Park Elementary School.

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST



Alexa Sandoval, a third grader from Balfour Elementary School during the 15-16 school year, submitted artwork for the Superintendent's Holiday Card Contest. Miss Sandoval, under the direction of first-year art teacher Meredith Smith, won the competition and her holiday card was sent to friends of Asheboro City Schools across the state. Miss Sandoval continues to pursue her artistic abilities in the fourth grade at Balfour.



Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and prosperous New Year.

Terry W. Worrell, Ed. D. Superintendent
Asheboro City Board of Education
Administrative Leadership Team

Artwork by Alexa Sandoval
Balfour Elementary School - Meredith Smith, art teacher
Third Grade
2015

AHS GLAMOUR GALS



The Asheboro High School Glamour Gals club started during the 2015-2016 school year by senior Bailey Allgood. Glamour Gal's mission is to inspire and organize teen volunteers to provide ongoing companionship and complimentary makeovers to people living in senior homes.



"We recognize the great work we can accomplish TOGETHER"
-Dr. Cayce McCamish, Director of Exceptional Children Services

ACS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

To kick off Asheboro City Schools' Administrative Leadership Team retreat, the team of directors, principals, and assistant principals participated in service learning projects across Asheboro and Randolph County. From building houses with Habitat for Humanity to planting flowers at the Central Boys & Girls Club, the team diversified their efforts to build community, connect with one another, and show students the value of service learning.

"The service-learning projects were a great way for us to give back to the Asheboro community; one that continually supports our students, staff, and families."
Jusmar Maness, Principal, Balfour Elementary



left to right: Mr. Ronald Dixon, Ms. Jusmar Maness, Ms. Robin Harris, Mr. Jordi Roman



Dr. Drew Maerz, Director of Testing and Accountability

2015-16 TEACHER OF THE YEAR



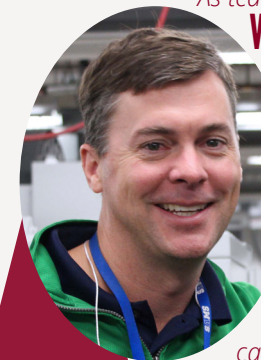
"To me, being a teacher means having the AWESOME opportunity to REALIZE and CULTIVATE STUDENTS' POTENTIAL and to see that GREATNESS COME ALIVE."

Mr. Adam Reeder was named the 2015-2016 Asheboro City Schools Teacher of the Year and will represent the district at the regional level. Mr. Reeder serves as the Mathematics Department Chair at Asheboro High School and he also serves on the school's Leadership Committee. Mr. Reeder is creative and works hard to develop meaningful relationships in and out of the classroom with his students.

"THERE IS GREATNESS IN EACH OF OUR ASHEBORO CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS."

2015 APPLE OF EXCELLENCE FIRST YEAR TEACHER

Each year Asheboro City Schools awards the Apple of Excellence award to an outstanding beginning teacher. This year's Apple of Excellence award went to Mr. Scott Smith, a first-year technology teacher at South Asheboro Middle School. Mr. Smith was hired by the district as a lateral entry teacher after he owned and operated his own business for 14 years.

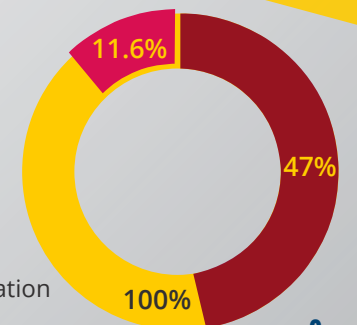


"As teachers, WE ARE LIKE PENCILS. We need to be sharpened well in order to get THE BEST results, but if we push too hard or too often... we can easily wear DOWN OR BREAK."

TOTAL OF 620 STAFF MEMBERS

400 TEACHERS

- NCLB "Highly Qualified"
- Advanced Degree
- National Board Certification



2015-16 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

"It was an honor to be recognized by my colleagues again for this PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. Asheboro City has STRONG LEADERSHIP in each school, a superintendent with vision, students who continually AMAZE us in the best of ways, and teachers who work long hours, day and night, for their students. Our parents and community are EQUALLY AS SUPPORTIVE. These things are what make me proud to be a part of this school district." - MR. BRIAN SAUNDERS



FACULTY BY THE NUMBERS

PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

INCREDIBLE SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

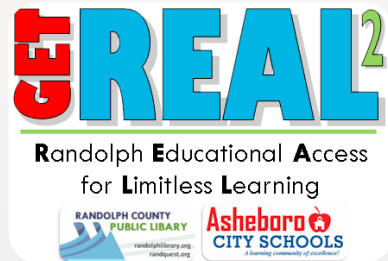
Just as learning doesn't end at 3:30 p.m., it also doesn't end after the school year. As such, Asheboro City Schools offered a number of expanded learning opportunities this past summer. In all, 15 academic summer camps were offered across Asheboro that focused on reading, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), writing, civic responsibility, research, and health and wellness. Asheboro City Schools will continue to look for expanded learning opportunities throughout the school year and for next summer as well.



GET REAL2

Asheboro City Schools has partnered with the Randolph County Public Library to provide easier access to books and learning resources through the Get REAL2, or the Randolph Educational Access for Limitless Learning, started this past summer and allows students in the Asheboro City Schools district to use their school-issued student identification number to check out books and access online resources from the Randolph County Public Library. The program also allows students to:

- Access online research and learning resources;
- Borrow electronic materials such as e-books, downloadable audio books, and magazines;
- Use the library's WIFI access.



PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY

Pathways to Prosperity, a partnership between Asheboro City Schools, Randolph County Schools, and Randolph Community College that focuses on creating seamless educational pathways for students in high school and community college, expanded this past year with the addition of the agricultural pathway. Out of this new pathway, students at the Asheboro High School Zoo School chartered the first FFA Chapter, attending and competing at the state conference this past school year. Also, a partnership between Asheboro City Schools and Wells Hosiery was created during the 2015-16 school year for students interested in textiles. The partnership was a natural fit as Asheboro High School is the only school in Randolph County to offer an Apparel & Textile Manufacturing class. New pathways are being identified and will be integrated into the curriculum in the coming school year. The goal of this joint venture is to provide an array of opportunities to students that will lead to lucrative jobs in our community.

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS



2016-2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1 Each student in Asheboro City Schools graduates prepared for further education, work, and citizenship.
- 2 Each student has a personalized education.
- 3 Each student has excellent educators every day.
- 4 Asheboro City Schools will have up-to-date business, technology, and communication systems to serve its students, families, and staff.
- 5 Each student is healthy, safe, and responsible.

