



Alamance Community School

*Find meaning, develop empathy,
create solutions.*



ACS Leadership Team



- Leslie Paynter, Managing Director/Principal
- Catherine Quick, Curriculum Director & Testing Coordinator
- Scott Tribotte, Counselor & MTSS Coordinator
- Kelly Holland, PT Administrative Assistant & Health and Safety Coordinator
- Leslie Jewell, PT Administrative Assistant & Information Systems Administrator
- Amanda Trump, Exceptional Children Facilitator & Teacher
- Jenn Pedersen, Kindergarten Teacher
- Evelyn Kreiley, First Grade Teacher & Genesis Athletics Before & After School Care Coordinator
- Denise Herman, Second Grade Teacher
- Jamie Miller, Third Grade Teacher
- Kelly Holloway, PE Teacher & Beginning Teacher Coordinator





ACS Board of Directors



- Leslie Paynter, Managing Director
- Natalie Turner, *Board Chair*
- Cindy Jones, *Vice Chair*
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ACS Mission

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.





About

About Alamance Community School
and NC Public Charter Schools





What is an NC Public Charter School?

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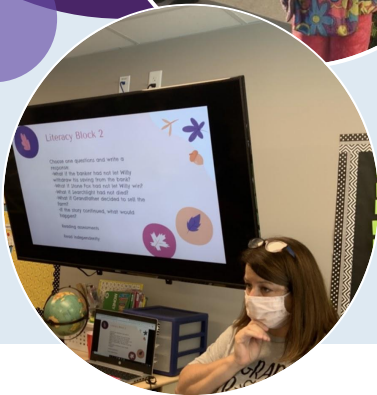
- A public charter school is **REQUIRED** to participate in the state's accountability program, administer **end-of-grade and end-of course tests**, and provide data needed for NC School Report Cards.
- State and local tax dollars are the primary funding sources for the charter school - **"the money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



FAQs



- ACS opened in September 2020 serving Kindergarten - Third Grade
- 2021 - 2022: Kindergarten - Fourth Grade
- Adding a grade level each year until reaching Eighth Grade in 2025
- 20 - 22 students per class
- ALL ACS General Education and Exceptional Children teachers are required to be licensed and highly qualified.
- 21st Century Learning Environment with iPads, Chromebooks, and Interactive TVs





FAQs



- On-site Before & After School Care provided by our outside vendor, Genesis Athletics - fee based. For more information:
www.alamancecommunityschool.net/before-after-care-program-planc
- 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.



Transportation



Most families drive their children to and from school.

Currently, we have 1 bus to serve students living in various geographic areas of our school.

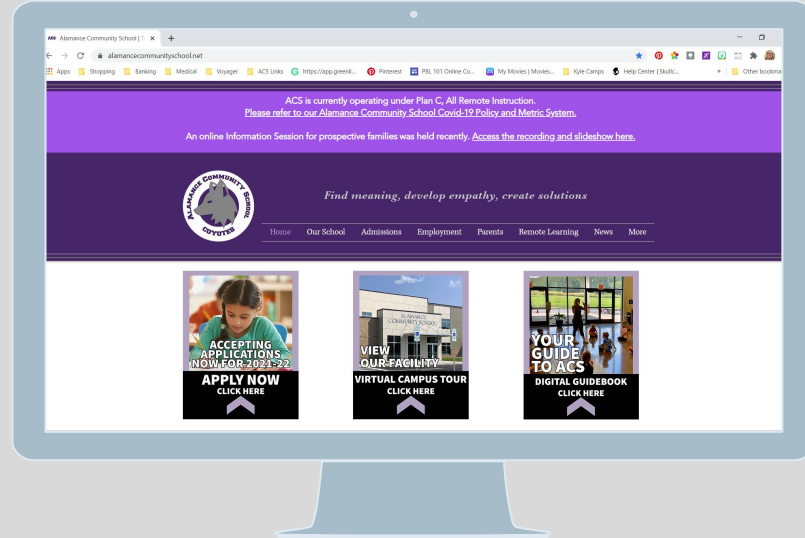
We have specific community drop zones where parents are able to meet the ACS bus to transfer their children to the care of our bus drivers for transport to the school (for example, Tanger Outlets & the K & W Cafeteria parking lot at Exit 143).

Priority is given to our economically disadvantaged families where transportation is a hardship. Therefore, we can only provide transportation for 60 - 66 students.



ACS Digital Resource Links

- [Virtual Tour](#)
- [Digital Brochure](#)
- [ACS Website](#)
- [ACS Facebook Page](#)





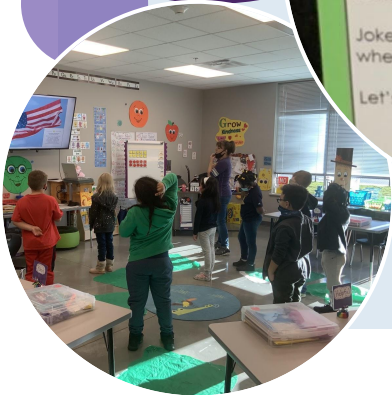
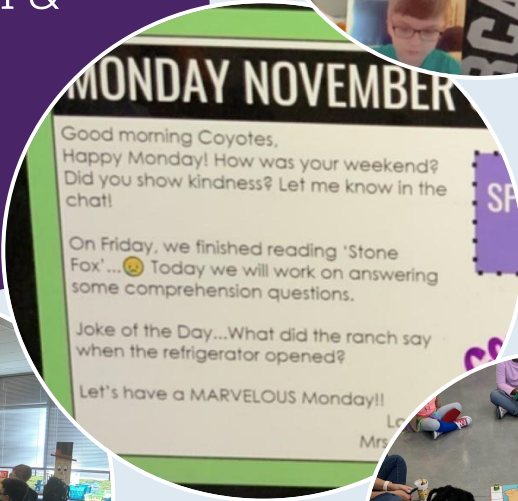
Curriculum

Responsive Classroom | Morning Meeting |
Reading Workshop | Writing Workshop |
Math Workshop | Project Based Learning |
Specials | Empathy Initiative





Responsive Classroom & Morning Meeting



Morning meetings at ACS include the following:

- Greeting
- Sharing
- Activity/Team Building
- News and Announcements
- Hopes and Dreams
- Goal Setting





Reading Workshop



NC Standard Course of Study in Reading

Fountas & Pinnell Reading Mini Lessons, Guided Reading, Interactive Read Aloud, and Phonics & Word Study

Reader's Workshop helps students develop strong reading skills through the use of:

- Mini Lessons
- Guided Reading
- Read Aloud
- Conferencing
- Independent Reading
- Literature Response - writing about reading
- Purposeful Share
- Literacy Workstations





Writing Workshop



NC Standard Course of Study in Writing

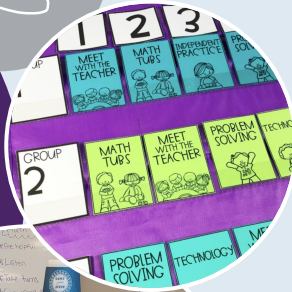
Teachers College at Columbia University and Lucy Calkins Units of Study in Writing

Students:

- Live, work and learn as writers.
- Learn writing craft techniques.
- 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.
- Teacher feedback is given through one-to-one conferences, small group instruction, and includes instructional compliments and teaching.



Math Workshop

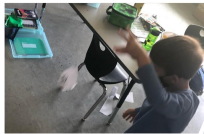
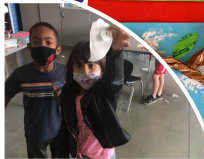
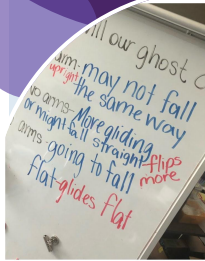


NC Standard Course of Study in Math

- We will pull from multiple resources to meet these standards:
 - 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.



Project Based Learning



Gold Standard PBL

Seven Project Based Teaching Practices



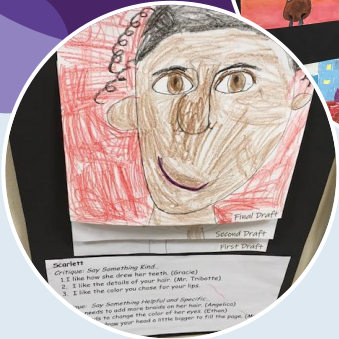
We will complete 3 projects per year/1 per trimester

We follow the NC Essential Standards in Science & Social Studies to determine each grade level project.





K-3 Project Examples



Kindergarten: Me, My Community, & Community Helpers; Animals; Weather & Seeds

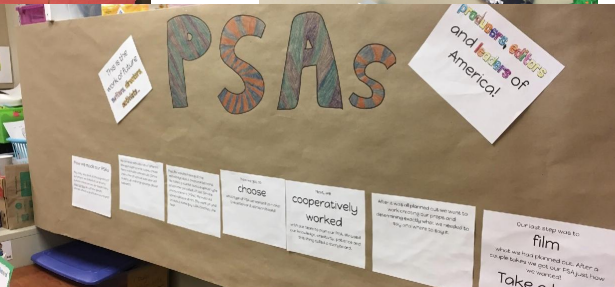
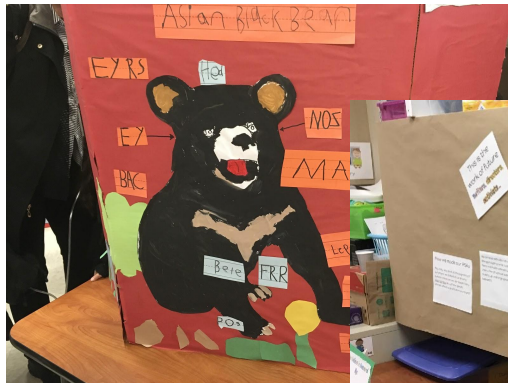
First Grade: Business & Economics in our Community; Animal Habitats; Holidays & Traditions

Second Grade: Sound & Cultures; Business & Economics: The General Store; Weather & Life Cycles

Third Grade: Plants & Soil; Landforms; Our Community: Graham & Mebane

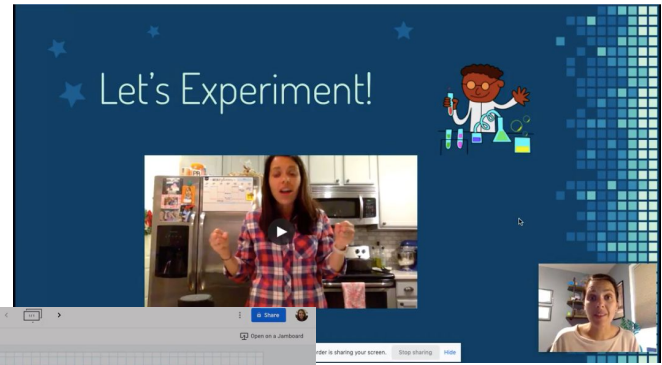
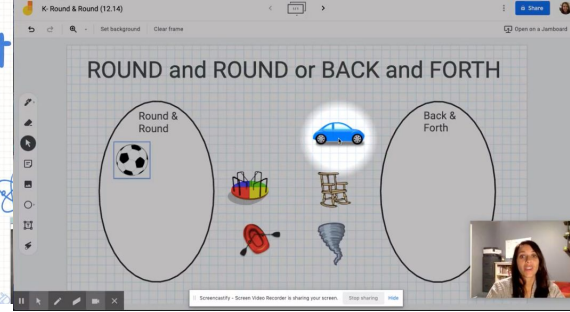
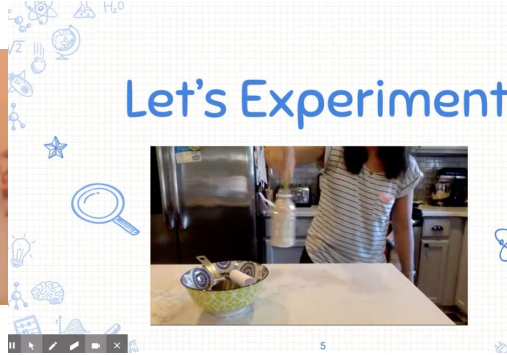
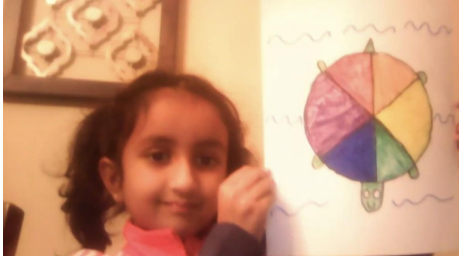


K-3 Project Work Examples



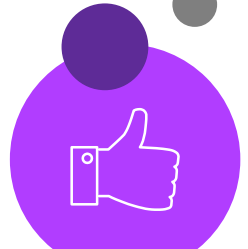
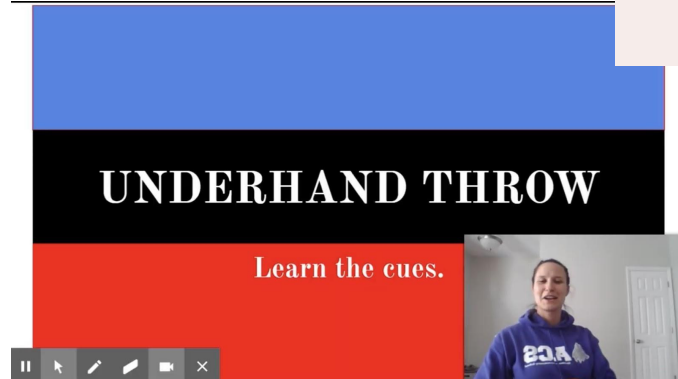
Specials

Art, PE, & STEM Music & LEGO/Engineering (in 2021)



North and South poles
ATTRACT (pull)
each other.

— SOUTH POLE





Guidance



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.





Empathy Initiative



- 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.
- Possible Empathy Projects: “Only One You” Rock Garden, Buddy Bench, Peace Path, Empathy & kindness quotes on canvases & walls, singing at local nursing home (post coronavirus), making cards for veterans, etc.





Schedule & School Calendar



Post COVID-19 School Hours



Mondays

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

Morning Carline

7:45 am - 8:15am

Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal

1:15-1:45pm

Tuesdays - Fridays

8:15am - 3:15pm

Morning Carline

7:45 am - 8:15am

Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal

3:15-3:45pm

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.





School Calendar

Current 2020-2021 Calendar

Next Academic Year 2021-2020

****Waiting on the State Legislature to determine if the school year will be longer, if we need to add days, hours, etc. before we finalize the calendar****

Potential Elements for the 2021 - 2022 School Calendar

- Begin in early to mid August
- Early Release Mondays for Professional Development
- Fall Break ~ October 11-15
- Winter Break ~ December 20 - January 4
- Spring Break ~ April 11 - 18, 2022
- End late May/early June





Applications, The Lottery & Questions





Applications & Lottery Timeline

- **January 4, 2021** – Online admission application opened in SchoolMint.
- **February 28, 2021** – Admission application closes at **11:59 pm** for the Lottery.
- **March 12, 2021** – Virtual Live Admission Lottery held at **12:00 pm** - 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.
- **Beginning March 12 (after the lottery)**- Registration packets will be sent via SchoolMint to families that have accepted an offered spot.
- **April 11, 2021** - Due date to accept offered lottery seats. If you have not accepted by April 11, you may forfeit your child's spot.





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website



Thanks!

Any questions?

Visit us online at www.alamancecommunityschool.net or on
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