



Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy

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Medicus Riddick, Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy, I am writing this letter to let you know that Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i), North Carolina had to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a CSI school, Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor the progress of our school. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standard-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy this year:

- Student achievement in reading, mathematics, and science will meet or exceed by 10% of our current composite school by the end of the school year of 2020-2021.
- The staff of Enfield Middle STEAM Academy will increase student movement, nutritional education and exercise as a part of the daily curriculum during the 2020-2021 school year.
- By the end of 2020-2021 school year 100% of the staff will receive relevant, researched based professional development which will build teacher and student capacity for 21st Century educational effectiveness.
- Enfield Middle STEAM Academy will employ the usage of a School Improvement and Leadership Team to help in the decision making processes of the school.

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- Enfield Middle Steam Academy will decrease the number of staff who leave the school.
- Enfield Middle STEAM Academy staff will build and maintain clear, realistic structures and leadership development opportunities.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies. Enfield Middle STEAM Academy will:

- ***Implement Project Based Learning throughout all content areas***
- ***Utilize the Makerspace as a central location for inquiry- based learning in STEAM***
- ***Implement an After School and/or Saturday Academy***
- ***Implement an effective positive behavior management system***
- ***Provide parental and community engagement opportunities***

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call (252)445-5455 and speak with Medicus Riddick, Principal if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites www.halifax.k12.nc.us/en.
- Volunteer.
- Join the Enfield Middle STEAM Academy Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Medicus Riddick** at riddickm@en.halifax.k12.nc.us or (252)445-5455.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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