

North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School
2019-2020 SIC Report to Parents

Dear NCCAE Parents, Friends & Community at Large:

I am hoping this correspondence finds you well and in good spirits for the season. The purpose of this narrative is to provide you a quick glance into the organizational dimensions of our esteemed school. Initially, I would like to outline the general mission of our organization. North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary utilizes an arts integrated instructional approach that integrates the fine and performing arts as primary pathways to engagement and learning. We continue to hold distinction as an ABC (Arts in Basic Curriculum) site, along with DAP (Distinguished Arts Program) recognition. Additionally, our identification as a Title 1 school affords us access to federal funding; thus, allowing for strategic targeting of literacy and numeracy interventions for our scholars.

Our core beliefs at NCCAE is to 1) Love kids, 2) Act Like Family, 3) Know Better, Do Better and 4) Possess the appropriate attitude. We express love for our student body by offering a first class educational experience for all. Our scholars have access to six varied fine arts programs...Dance, Visual Art, Theater, Music, Strings & Piano. Moreover, they get to participate in exciting project based learning opportunities with The Gibbs Museum, Youth endowment with the arts, North Charleston Cultural Arts & Engaging Creative Minds Programs. Scholars learn the ideals of acting like family through exposure to our Positive Behavior Initiatives...2nd Step Curriculum, MVP quarterly celebrations, Red Ribbon/Hero week recognitions and Family Vision Night demonstrations. Moreover, our scholars “know better and do better” as they navigate through our proven learning programs that target individual growth...Zearn Math, iReady, Open Court, Lexia, FastBridge, Dream Box, IGDI (Individual Growth and Development Indicators, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, Khan Academy, Sail/ Gifted & Talented, Spire, and CCLI among others. Furthermore, we aspire to work on the whole scholar by being intentional about improving upon their social-emotional health via the following tools...individual counseling, mental health services, restorative justice circles, check in –check out, small group instruction, SOAR-PBIS matrix, guidance classroom lessons, Distinguished Gentleman’s Club and the soon to be Ladies of Distinction Club.

Our focus as an organization will continue to be on preparing students to be college and career ready by developing essential skills and behaviors in a safe, supportive environment. We will have a purposeful approach to providing relevant, engaging content...all while building strong relationships with families, students and the community at large. We encourage you to become involved, whether through our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), School Improvement Council (SIC) or one of the many committees or support groups aimed at improving our campus. This school year may look a little different as Covid restrictions have changed how we function and operate. Nonetheless, innovative and creative thinking allow the quality of our services to remain top notch. As always, your feedback and support are essential to our continued improvement.

Sincerely,

Robert Grant, Principal
North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School