



Welcome!

The faculty and staff of Ashe County Middle School would like to welcome you to a new and exciting year. We have been recognized at the state and national level for being one of the best schools in North Carolina and a National School to Watch. We look

forward to working with you as a partner on our learning team.

We believe it is our responsibility to offer each student an educational program that will help him/her reach his/her highest potential. We believe the total child is involved in the learning experience. Our academic program, intramural program, character education, and athletics all reflect this belief.

The purpose of this handbook is to inform you of the procedures at ACMS. It is our experience that organization and routine procedures are essential to creating an environment where your child feels safe, secure, and ready to learn.

On behalf of the Ashe County Middle School faculty and staff, WELCOME. Have a happy and safe school year!

Ashe County Middle School Objectives

The Ashe County Middle School faculty and staff realize the uniqueness of the middle school student and believe it is our responsibility to provide opportunities that will enable each student to reach his/her potential both physically and intellectually. We believe in a comprehensive and challenging curriculum with a variety of learning experiences that build on basic skills.

An atmosphere that demonstrates a caring and supportive environment is essential. We believe all children can learn, and we believe our faculty must offer opportunities for students to grow in self-worth as well as knowledge. It is our goal to offer experiences which will assist the student in gaining the skills necessary to function in society, and to be a responsible citizen in the twenty-first century. It is the mission of Ashe County Middle School to create a safe and nurturing environment, to bridge the gap between elementary and high school, and to promote high expectations, community involvement, and opportunities for all students to succeed. Each student can be empowered with knowledge and confidence to become positive, productive citizens in a diverse, ever-changing society.

Ashe County Middle School and You

Ashe County Middle School is one of the finest facilities anywhere. Our community has worked hard to provide students with a safe, sound facility for middle school students. Pride and care are of utmost importance. Students must do their part to take care of the building and grounds. Damage to school property will not be

tolerated. Let's continue to make our middle school the most attractive school in the area.

Building Hours

Ashe County Middle School and Ashe County Board of Education assume the responsibility of students from the arrival of the first bus each morning until the last bus has departed. Office hours are 7:30 am until 4:00 pm.

Students are not to be dropped off at school before 7:30 am and must be picked up by 3:15 pm. This would not apply to students participating in before or after school enrichment programs or other school-sponsored activities.

Teaming and Your Child

Teaming has proven to be an essential part of any middle school. Here at Ashe County Middle School, each student will be placed on a team designed to meet his/her individual needs. The goal of each team is to develop appropriate procedures and skills for being productive while encouraging participation and creativity. Each team functions as a unit by sharing mutual schedules, teachers, and activities.

Academically Intellectually Gifted

Ashe County Middle School offers the Academically Gifted student acceleration in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. Teachers challenge and motivate students to explore individual interests and to exceed the curriculum. This is accomplished through our AIG classes. Students involved in these classes must be identified/placed in the AIG Program.

Encore Classes

These courses enable students to expand on their academic classes and discover their particular abilities, talents, interests, and preferences. Health/PE is required in both 7th and 8th grade. Other Encore electives students may choose are: Agriculture Education, Art, Band, Career Skills, Chorus, Project Lead the Way/Tech Education, and Spanish.

4-H Bulldog LEADS Afterschool Program

An after-school enrichment program is offered to all ACMS students. Individuals must be enrolled to receive academic assistance and participate in any athletic program or school-related activity. Students must sign in by 3:10 on the afterschool rosters everyday they choose to stay. There is a cost of \$50.00 prior to Labor Day and \$60.00 after Labor Day; however, students must complete all forms before being eligible to stay in Afterschool. Transportation is not provided.

Bulldog Afterschool Schedule Monday - Thursday:

3:15-3:25	Snack/Social Time
3:25-4:15	Academic Assistance/Homework Time
4:15-5:30	Clubs/Activities/Intramurals
5:30-6:00	Parent Pick-Up/Clean Up