



About Eastover: Curriculum Highlights

Vision

To provide a learning environment that builds proficient students to succeed in a progressive community. Eastover will be a school that families actively seek because students will be prepared to adapt to and participate in an evolving world.

Mission

To serve as a catalyst for student achievement and personal excellence through rigorous and relevant core content as we sculpt responsible citizens in a 21st century global learning environment.

By the Numbers: Quick Facts

Approximately 450 students call Eastover home. We have 23 full-time classroom teachers, one teacher for visually impaired students, one full-time and one part-time exceptional children teachers, four special area teachers and ten full-time assistants, who work with our students in both the regular classroom and exceptional children's/visually impaired classrooms. Seven members of our staff are Nationally Board Certified, and 18 members of our staff have advanced degrees.

Literacy

Eastover uses the CMS-adopted EL Education Language Arts Curriculum. The EL Education K-8 Language Arts curriculum is a comprehensive, standards-based core literacy program that engages teachers and students through compelling, real world content, and builds equitable and inclusive learning opportunities for all students.

At Eastover, we challenge each student at his or her current level through the use of flexible grouping and workshops. This enables teachers to work with students individually and in small groups. Through various writing experiences, students develop strategies and skills, learn about the writer's craft and use writing as a tool for learning and communication. Students write for sustained periods, compose a variety of texts and explore different genres and formats for different audiences.

Mathematics

Eastover uses the CMS-adopted mathematics curriculum EnVision 2.0. This K-5 curriculum is designed to help all children understand fundamental ideas of numbers and operations, geometry, data, measurement and early algebra. Each student works at his or her current level through the use of flexible grouping by math skill. Teachers also work with students individually and in small groups.

Our PTA supports mathematics with Chess Enrichment, which allows our 1st and 2nd graders to apply mathematical concepts and strategy while working with a chess grand master. Eastover is one of only three public schools in the state that offers chess as part of regular classroom instruction.

Science and Social Studies

Science and Social Studies are other components of the student schedule and are also integrated throughout the literacy curriculum. Kindergarteners study many topics including responsible citizenship, basic geography/economics, earth materials, weather, plants and animals.

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Special Area Classes

Special area classes are an integral part of the learning experience. Students attend one of the special area classes each day during the week. They include:

- **Art:** The art curriculum guides students in learning and using elements and principles of design, thinking critically and creatively and expressing their own ideas and feelings in original ways. Imagination and concept are emphasized over the final produced work, placing the focus on developing each student's individual ideas and capabilities. Students use various media, including paint, collage, colored pencils and clay, and they will learn about works of historical importance by artists such as Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian, and produce their own works in these artists' styles.
- **Spanish:** Many studies have shown that learning a second language improves children's problem solving skills and creativity as well as exposes them to new cultures and fascinating places. Our Spanish curriculum focuses on vocabulary and conversation and adds in reading, writing and grammar as age appropriate. Lessons are taught through instruction, songs, games, stories and age appropriate activities. Spanish is provided once a week to each student at Eastover.
- **Media:** Students enhance their understanding and love of literature through book and author studies. Our library collection includes approximately 5500 books, all updated to the Outstanding Standard set by CMS. Depending on grade level, students learn research skills and digital citizenship, and are allowed time to complete research-based projects. Grades K-2 learn the check out process and may borrow one book per week, while Grades 3-5 may borrow 2 books per week.
- **Physical Education:** Students develop the skills necessary to live a healthy, active lifestyle. Over the school year, students work on basic locomotor movements, sport skills and game play. The lessons and teaching are based on the National Association for Sport and Physical Education standards and the NC Essential Standards for Physical Education.
- **Music:** Eastover's music curriculum offers meaningful and rewarding experiences for students and helps children develop skills and concepts that not only apply within the music classroom but are also complementary to relevant curriculum they are studying outside of music. Students spend time learning the basic elements of music including reading music, rhythm, melody and harmony, expression and timbre. They are exposed to composers, such as Mozart and Liszt, and their most famous works. They also have the opportunity to practice with a variety of instruments and participate in grade level choral performances throughout the year.

Personalized Learning Initiative

The Personalized Learning Initiative establishes a student-driven environment and offers curriculum that directly relates to the world they live in, providing a unique opportunity to encourage critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. At Eastover, Personalized Learning is met through the use of flipped classrooms, project-based learning and problem-based learning, choice boards and centers. Each grades K-1 has an iPad cart and grades 2-5 have Chromebook carts to support this initiative. This means that each student in 2nd - 5th grade has a Chromebook that he or she can use daily for all classroom activities. Eastover also offers a Talent Development curriculum for children identified as high performers during 2nd grade. These students work with the Talent Development Teacher on a variety of enrichment projects and assignments throughout the year as a supplement to their in-classroom experience.