



Wake County Public School System • March 12–14, 2006

Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Technology

The Wake County Public School System is the twenty-third largest district in the nation, serving more than 120,000 students in 139 schools. The system is committed to ensuring academic success for all students. Through this commitment, the WCPSS is ranked among the best large urban school districts in the nation. The vision for technology supports teaching, learning, and leading. The district views technology as a contemporary literacy and provides access to appropriate digital resources, technology, professional development, and support. Data is at the center of decisions that lead to differentiated instruction. Innovative programs such as flexible scheduling, standards-based grading, Smaller Learning Communities and Professional Learning Communities establish the WCPSS as an exemplary district.

Sunday, March 12, 2006

5:00–7:00 pm
Registration and Reception
Embassy Suites Hotel

Monday, March 13, 2006

7:00–7:45 am
Registration and Breakfast
Embassy Suites Hotel

8:00 am
Buses depart for the Friday Institute

8:20–9:20 am
Opening Session and Visit Overview

9:20 am–2:45 pm Tours (Select Tour A, B, or C)



Tour A

9:40–11:50 am
WCPSS — Friday Institute Programs and Partnership

The Friday Institute at North Carolina State University is dedicated to transforming education to meet the demands of the 21st century global knowledge society. The Institute combines the talents of students and teachers, education professionals and research scientists, community leaders and business professionals to research, develop, and disseminate educational solutions.

11:50 am–12:20 pm
Lunch at the Friday Institute

12:20 pm
Bus departs for Combs

12:35–2:45 pm
Combs Elementary School

Combs has been nationally recognized as the first elementary school in the country to focus on leadership development of young children. Students are empowered to take charge of their own learning and track their growth by using data to set academic and personal goals.

Tour B

9:40–11:50 am
Carroll Middle School

A Carroll Middle School initiative provides laptops for every teacher and laptop carts, LCD projectors, and interactive white boards for classroom use. Staff development and support are embedded during the day for teachers as they integrate these technology tools into their instructional practice.

11:50 am–12:20 pm
Lunch at Carroll Middle School

12:20 pm
Bus departs for Combs

12:35–2:45 pm
Visit Combs Elementary School

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Tour C

9:40–11:50 am

Salem Middle School

Salem Middle School opened in August 2004. Salem Middle School's mission is reflective of a collaborative environment and philosophy that is based on the principles of Professional Learning Communities. Teachers analyze data to differentiate instruction in order to meet the needs of every child.

11:50 am–12:20 pm

Lunch at Salem Middle School

12:20 pm

Bus departs for Turner Creek

12:35–2:45 pm

Turner Creek Elementary School

Turner Creek is a multi-track, year-round school. Teachers use an instructional management system with web-based report cards and online assessments. Teachers work with the media specialist and the technology facilitator to plan project-based activities.

2:45 pm

Tours A, B, & C depart for SAS Institute

3:30 pm

SAS Institute

See how Wake County Schools and SAS work together to solve problems faced by a large district. Dinner hosted by SAS

8:00 pm

Return to the hotel

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

7:00–8:15 am

Registration and Breakfast

Embassy Suites Hotel

8:30 am

Buses depart for Tours (Select Tour D or E)

Tour D

8:50–11:50 am

Southeast Raleigh High School

Southeast Raleigh serves a diverse population. Current enrollment is approximately 2,160. The school's unique features include seven Career Focused Learning Communities in Medicine/Biotechnology, Information Technologies, Digital Arts, Engineering Technologies, Law and Human Service, Education, and Global Connections.

11:50 am–12:20 pm

Lunch at Southeast Raleigh High School

12:20 pm

Bus departs for Timber Drive

12:35–3:00 pm

Timber Drive Elementary School

Timber Drive is a multi-track, year-round school with an enrollment of 1,000 plus students. A NC Model IMPACT school, the media center and computer lab are flexibly accessed. Students use wireless notebooks, desktops, GPS receivers, digital cameras, LCD projectors and interactive white boards in their class work.

3:00–3:30 pm

WCPSS site visit wrap-up

Tour E

8:50–11:50 am

Sanderson High School

Sanderson High School teachers use electronic gradebook and attendance recording. Students register for classes using an online scheduling system. TI Navigator system and interactive white board technologies are used to actively engage students in their learning.

11:50 am–12:20 pm
Lunch at Sanderson High School

12:20 pm
Bus departs for Jeffreys Grove

12:35–3:15 pm

Jeffreys Grove Elementary School

Jeffreys Grove was recognized by the NC Department of Public Instruction as an Honor School of Excellence in 2004-05. An instructional management system is used to record student assessment data using handheld and desktop computers. Electronic reports are generated to assist teachers in differentiating instruction and communicating with parents.

3:00–3:30 pm
Site visit wrap-up

4:15 pm
Both tours return to the hotel

POST SITE VISIT ACTIVITY

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Complimentary Programming & Transportation provided by SAS Institute

8:30–9:30 am

Without Data, Everyone Has an Opinion: Does Your District Have the Power to Know?

Dr. June Rivers will demonstrate how SAS can play a key role in your district's strategic planning: operations, human resources, finance, student services, curriculum and instruction, and value-added assessment. Continuous improvement is the hallmark. SAS has won numerous awards for its ability to help districts access, manage, analyze, and report their data in order to gain true insight into the effectiveness of programs and practices. (Winner of four 2005 Readers Choice Awards from Intelligent Enterprise Magazine.)

9:30 am
Depart for Airport or Golf

10:30 am
Golf Outing with Dr. Bill Sanders at the Prestonwood Country Club—Home of the SAS Championship (\$15 non-refundable golf reservation fee required)

More details are available online at www.nsba.org/itte.