



Inside Your Anson County Schools

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Letter from the Superintendent

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, the North Carolina Department of Public Education officially released the 2012-13 North Carolina School Report Cards. For those of you who want to review how Anson County Schools and other North Carolina schools performed last year, the NC School Report Cards offer a one-stop information source that puts a comprehensive collection of data right at your fingertips. The 2012-13 Report Cards, now available at www.ncreportcards.org, feature state, district, and school-level information about student performance and attendance, class size, school safety, teacher quality and classroom technology.

North Carolina Public Schools are transitioning to a new statewide Standard Course of Study, along with new assessments and a new school accountability model, which targets major change in education for students enrolled in public schools. ACS Instructional Staff have been very positive and committed as they embrace these changes prompting us to provide rigor and quality teaching in each classroom.

As you review the report cards keep in mind that the 2012-13 school year was the first year the NCDPI reported results using North Carolina's new READY accountability model, which does not include school designations such as "School of Excellence" that have been noted on schools' Report Cards in previous years. The READY model does reflect academic growth rates and the percentage of students who scored proficient on state assessments, so both of these categories of information continue to be available on the Report Cards.

The website also provides the resource, A Guide to Reading Your School's Report Card. I would recommend that you review this guide as you study report cards. Oftentimes, data is presented in multiple ways, so utilizing this guide to interpreting the data should prove to be very beneficial.

In closing, I want to thank you for the tremendous support provided to education in Anson County. We will continue striving to attain the mission of "ensuring that all students acquire skills and knowledge necessary to become successful and responsible citizens."

Sincerely, Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S., Superintendent

Our Mission: "We will ensure that all students acquire skills and knowledge necessary to be successful and responsible citizens."

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Monday, February 24, 2014
Monday, March 31, 2014
Monday, April 28, 2014

All regular meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. with Closed Session, immediately following the opening of the meeting. Open Session begins at 6:30 p.m. (Any changes in time will be posted on the Anson County Schools website and will be posted on the doors at the Board of Education District Office).

Meetings will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center at the Board of Education Office, located on 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro, unless otherwise noted.

Kindergarten Registration

Here are the dates for kindergarten registration 2014:

- Ansonville Elementary School - April 4
- Lilesville Elementary School - March 27
- Morven Elementary School - March 14
- Peachland-Polkton Elementary School - April 25
- Wadesboro Primary School - April 11

School Calendars

ANSON ACADEMY

February 5 Freestyle Pictures

ANSON COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE

February Cap & Gown Yearbook Pictures
 February 6 Parent/Teacher Conference
 February 13 Taco Luncheon (Sponsored by ACEC PTO)
 February 14 Movie and Lunch ACEC Student Academic Celebration
 February 14 Love Letters Workshop / English Classes with College Professor
 February 17 Optional Teacher Workday, No High School Classes
 February 25 All About Me Presentations
 March 4 ACT for 11th Graders
 March 25 All About Me Presentations
 March 27 ACEC Variety Show at the Ansonia Theater
 March 28 Optional Teacher Workday
 April 2014 Cap & Gown Pictures for ACEC and SPCC
 April 2014 College Visit to Wingate University for 9th Graders
 April 11-18 Spring Break
 April 22 All About Me Presentation
 April 25 ACEC Prom
 May 8 SPCC College Classes End

ANSON HIGH SCHOOL

February 4 Progress Reports Go Home
 February 6 Parent Teacher Conferences
 February 19 Progress Reports Go Home
 February 19 School Improvement Team Meeting 3:45-5pm AHS Media Center
 February 26 Early Release for Professional Development
 March 5 Progress Reports Go Home
 March 19 Progress Reports Go Home
 March 19 School Improvement Team Meeting 3:45-5pm AHS Media Center
 March 26 End of 3rd Semester Marking Period
 March 26 Early Release for Professional Development
 April 10 Progress Reports Go Home
 April 23 School Improvement Team Meeting 3:45-5pm AHS Media Center
 April 26 Prom at Anson High School
 April 30 Early Release for Professional Development

ANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

February 4-13 Book Fair
 February 7 Black History Program/Anson Co. Arts Council
 February 13 Valentine's Dance
 February 14 Freestyle Pictures

ANSON NEW TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

May 3 Prom

ANSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 5 Group (classroom) Pictures
 February 11 PTO 6pm
 February 17 Optional Teacher Workday
 February 18 Terrific Kids Breakfast
 February 19 & 21 BFA #3
 February 25 & 26 5th Grade Planetarium Visit
 March 6 Early Release - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 March 6 & 14 Book Fair
 March 10 & 14 Benchmark #3 Testing
 March 19 Spring Pictures
 March 19 Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
 March 19 6th Grade Certificate Pictures
 March 28 Optional Teacher Workday
 April 4 Kindergarten Registration for 14-15 school year
 April 8 PTO 6pm
 April 10 Field Day

LILESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 12 Terrific Kids Recognition
 February 14 Grade 5 & 6 Motivational Dodgeball Tournament
 February 17 Optional Work Day-No School for Students
 February 18 - 21 Administration of Building Formative Assessments
 February 25 9am George Washington Carver and Friends Presentation by Bright Star Touring Theater
 February 26 Tentative Lockdown Drill
 February 27 Student Progress Reports Go Home
 March 6 Early Release for Students at 12:30pm / Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-6pm
 March 10-14 Administration of Benchmark Tests
 March 17 School Improvement Team Meeting 5:30pm
 March 17 PTO Meeting 6pm
 March 17 Parent Education Night for Social Studies 6:30pm
 March 27 Grade 5 Field Trip to Sea Life Aquarium
 March 27 Kindergarten Registration
 March 27 Grades 4-6 Dance
 March 28 Optional Work Day - No School for Students
 April 4 Spring Pictures
 April 7 Report Card Release Day
 April 10 Tentative Fire Drill
 April 11 Early Release for Students 12:30pm
 April 14-17 Student Holiday
 April 18 Staff & Student Holiday
 April 24 Tentative Lockdown Drill
 April 30 Terrific Kids Recognition

PEACHLAND-POLKTON ELEMENTARY

February 6 Regular School Day (Parent conference for secondary schools)
 February 11 PTO Meeting/Terrific Kids 6pm
 February 17 Optional Teacher Workday
 February 19 Media Night 3-7pm
 March 3 Read Across America Day
 March 6 Early Release / Parent-Teacher Conferences
 March 19 Media Night / Book Fair
 March 28 Optional Workday
 April 11 Early Release
 April 14-18 Spring Break
 April 23 Media Night
 April 25 Kindergarten Registration

MORVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 5 Staff Meeting & SIG 3pm
 February 11 Class Photos - Lifetouch - Prepaid
 February 17 Workday - Optional
 February 19 SIT Meeting 3pm
 March 6 Early Release - Elementary
 March 10 Spring Photos - Lifetouch - Prepaid
 March 11 PTA & Math Night
 March 12 Staff Meeting & SIT 3pm
 March 14 Kindergarten Registration
 March 26 End of Marking Period
 March 28 Workday - Optional
 April 2 SIG Meeting
 April 9 Camp Barnhardt
 April 11 Early Release for Spring Break
 April 14-18 Spring Break
 April 23 Staff & SIT Meeting 3pm

WADESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 5 Class Picture Day
 February 5 Staff Meeting 3pm
 February 10 School Improvement Team Meeting 5:15pm
 February 10 PTA Meeting & Parental Involvement Family Math Night 6pm
 February 17 No School - Teacher Work Day
 March 5 Staff Meeting 3pm
 March 6 Early Release 12:30pm
 March 6 Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-6pm
 March 7-14 Spring Book Fair
 March 10 School Improvement Team Meeting 5:15pm
 March 10 PTA Meeting 6pm
 March 19 Staff Meeting 3pm
 March 26 End of Third Marking Period
 March 28 No School - Teacher Work Day
 April 1 Spring Picture Day
 April 2 Staff Meeting 3pm
 April 7 Report Cards Go Home
 April 7 School Improvement Team Meeting 5:15pm
 April 7 PTA & Terrific Kids & Awards Night 6pm
 April 11 Early Release 12:30pm
 April 14-17 No School - Spring Break
 April 18 No School - Easter Holiday
 April 25 Title I Parental Involvement Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 12pm

WADESBORO PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 11 Parent Workshop - Grade 2 at 1pm
 February 18 Parent Workshop - Grade 4 at 8am
 February 25 Parent Writing Workshop - Grade 3 4:30pm
 March 6 Early Release for Students at 12:30pm
 March 6 Parent Conferences 1-6pm
 March 14 Terrific Kids Breakfast 7:45am
 March 17-21 Parent Workshop Grade K Technology. Each teacher has a different day and time to be determined.
 March 20 Parent Workshop Grade 3
 April 2 Spring Pictures
 April 3 Parent Lunch and Workshop - Grade 1 10:30am
 April 8 School Improvement Team Meeting 5:45pm in the Library
 April 8 PTA Meeting 6:30pm Gym
 April 11 Pre-School Day

North Carolina Read to Achieve

Read to Achieve is part of the Excellent Public Schools Act passed into NC law in July 2012. It applies to all schools beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. This law recognizes reading as the core of all instruction in kindergarten through third grade.

In the early grades students learn foundational reading skills that build deeper comprehension abilities as they progress through all other grade levels. The goal of this legislation is for all students to become proficient readers by the end of third grade.

How will Read to Achieve affect students?

• **Kindergarten – 3rd Grade** Through this legislation, all kindergarten through third grade students in North Carolina are assessed at least three times each year. The assessments provide vital information to the teacher about the instructional needs of each student. Parents are provided with Home Connect Letters that detail information about their child's reading assessments and suggestions for what parents can do at home.

• **Beginning with 3rd Grade** Third grade students will take the NC End of Grade (EOG) Reading Test at the end of third grade. Students will have the opportunity to take the Read to Achieve Test or an alternate approved assessment if they are not able to demonstrate proficiency through a classroom portfolio or End of Grade Test. If a student does not pass the Read to Achieve Test, they will attend a reading camp. If a parent chooses not to enroll their child in reading camp, they will be retained in third grade. Some students will meet promotion requirements if they meet one of the good cause exemptions as outlined in the Excellent Public Schools Act.

Why is this law being implemented?

This law focuses on early identification and early intervention for students who are struggling with reading skill development and comprehension. The intent of the law is to build early readers that will have a solid foundation to excel in later grades, college and career.

For more information please call (704) 694-4417 ext. 01603.

Parent Portal Provides Parents with Lots of Information

The Anson County School District is pleased to announce the launch of PowerSchool Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is a part of the state mandated PowerSchool system that manages student information and grades for all students throughout the state of North Carolina. PowerSchool Parent Portal gives parents web-based access to real-time information including attendance, grades and detailed assignment information.

Parents will be able to set up accounts with access information provided by the school. Each school will distribute the identification code and account set up information to parents by February 7, 2014. Parents will use this link to access Parent Portal: <https://ansoncountyschools.powerschool.com/admin/home.html>.

KEEP UP WITH YOUR SCHOOL ONLINE...

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| Anson Academy aca.ansonschools.org | Lilesville Elementary les.ansonschools.org |
| Anson Early College acec.ansonschools.org | Morven Elementary mes.ansonschools.org |
| Anson High School ahs.ansonschools.org | Peachland-Polkton ppes.ansonschools.org |
| Anson Middle School ams.ansonschools.org | Wadesboro Elementary wes.ansonschools.org |
| Anson New Tech anths.ansonschools.org | Wadesboro Primary wps.ansonschools.org |