

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



WHY SUMMERFIELD ELEMENTARY?

“One choice I would make over and over again with 100% certainty is choosing Summerfield Elementary for our son’s education. We love it here! It is like home—it is like family!”
– Summerfield parent

Strong students, strong staff and strong parents make Summerfield Elementary a great school.

- Named an Honor School of Excellence 9 years in a row
- 2012-13 test scores almost 27 points above the state average
- Highly experienced staff; 84% with more than 10 years’ experience
- Strong parent and community involvement
- New classroom building, media center, cafeteria, additional renovations and a technology upgrade in 2011 as part of a \$12.8 million project financed by 2008 bonds. We were even named an Outstanding Project by Learning By Design magazine, which recognizes excellence in education design. The panel applauded our efforts to turn historic buildings into a modern space with room to grow, as well as for incorporating sustainable features to improve energy efficiency.

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Summerfield Elementary is a great place to learn and grow! Our dedicated teachers and support staff use the latest technology and best practices in order to evaluate where each child is right now, and how to ensure they are receiving the instruction needed to reach his or her full potential.

We focus on high academic achievement, with our school receiving state Honor School of Excellence designations for nine years in a row. Over the past 10 years, more than 90% of our students showed proficiency in reading and math.

New tests, more challenging lessons and higher expectations for students led to a significant – and expected – drop in Guilford County Schools’ 2012-13 End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) scores. However, our school still outperformed most schools in GCS and across the state, scoring 20-25 points higher than the district and state averages.

Summerfield Elementary also offers a strong Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) program, with 129 students (nearly 20% of our school) involved this year. Students in kindergarten through second grade may enter the program based on teacher recommendation.

All third-graders in GCS are tested for the AIG program; students who meet the criteria receive these specialized services. In-classroom lessons include critical thinking skills, vocabulary development, and Habits of Mind for successful learners. Students also receive small-group instruction for each subject needed, provided by a teacher licensed to teach AIG by the state.

STRIVING. ACHIEVING. EXCELLING.



OUR VISION

Summerfield Elementary, including staff, parents and community members, will strive to maintain a safe, positive, nurturing yet academically challenging environment where each child will thrive and develop a true love for learning. Through teamwork and positive communication, we will develop enriching educational opportunities that will draw on students' unique talents and strengthen areas of individual needs.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At Summerfield Elementary, we know there is more to developing great students than test scores. That's why we offer so many other ways for our children to grow – including through our school garden.

The Summerfield Elementary PTA started a school garden in March 2012, which includes a 37' x 8' raised garden bed. In our first planting season, third-graders selected and planted lettuce, radishes and snow peas. Our youngest students assisted in the gardens by releasing more than 3,000 ladybugs and fourth-graders planted blueberries. This unique feature is incorporated into our science curriculum, to give students real-world lessons where they can get their hands dirty – literally.

Summerfield Elementary offers a wide variety of student clubs and activities, including:

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| Battle of the Books | Author Visits |
| Writing Club | Healthy Vikings |
| Accelerated Reader | Lunch with Dad |
| EnergyWISE Club | Playdates in the park |
| Science Enrichment | Recycling Program |
| Stage Lights | School Campout |
| Brushstrokes | Skate Nights |
| Beetles Club | Spanish After School Program |
| Golf | Spring Fling |
| Rock Climbing Club | Hiking Club |

We also have a strong and convenient ACES afterschool program, where students experience a balance of both academic and recreational activities in a safe, nurturing and fun environment.

"When my company first asked me to relocate to North Carolina, my wife and I immediately considered all areas in the Triad for the best neighborhoods and schools. Once our boy started at Summerfield Elementary we discovered immediately that what everyone had told us, and our research suggested, was 100% true, that Summerfield Elementary is the BEST!"

– Summerfield Elementary parent

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Instructional Day
7:45 a.m.-2:25 p.m. (Students may
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