

Hope Charter Leadership Academy

Our vision as a school community is to inspire enthusiasm for education and to empower our scholars to learn, lead and succeed. No child's potential is too small; no family's odds too great.



About Us:

Hope Charter Leadership Academy is a tuition-free public school that serves approximately 125 students from Kindergarten through Fifth grades. We are located in the historic Oakwood neighborhood and housed in the Barbee School Building that was erected in 1924. The school's progressive, high-quality, student-centered educational program expands educational choices for parents and their children in the public school system, supports a nurturing community of learners, and focuses on enhancing the academic growth, and builds leadership within all students while nurturing social development in every student.

The school is led by, Principal Clarissa Fleming who came to Hope in 2012 after 9 years in the Wake County School System. The faculty and staff is comprised of the following.

- Principal
- Leadership and Development Coordinator
- Instructional Curriculum Specialist
- 6 Highly Qualified Classroom Teachers
- 3 Highly Qualified Classroom Teacher Assistants
- 2 Exceptional Children's Teachers
- Intervention Specialist
- 5 Administrative Support Personnel

At Hope Charter Leadership Academy, we have implemented multi-grade structures in all of our classrooms. We have found through research and previous observations that our multi-grade students have done as well academically as our single grade students and have actually grown socially and personally. This multi-grade structure introduces our lower grade students to higher academics while focusing on their current curriculum. It also encourages our higher grade students to exercise leadership skills in the classroom in assisting younger classmates. Our class breakdown is as follows: (2) K/1 Classrooms, (2) 2/3 Classrooms, and (2) 4/5 Classrooms.



Curriculum and Technology:

Hope recently changed both their literacy and math curriculum to keep up with the rigorous academic standards set by North Carolina. To improve our students' academic successes we are now using the following curriculum resources:

- **The Daily 5** - Students select from five reading and writing choices, while the teacher meets individual needs through whole-group, small group, and one-on-one lessons. These choices include:
 - Read to Self,
 - Work on Writing,
 - Read to Someone,
 - Listen to Reading, and
 - Word Work.

This curriculum is encouraging students to become strong independent readers, while also receiving personalized literacy instruction from teachers and teacher assistants.

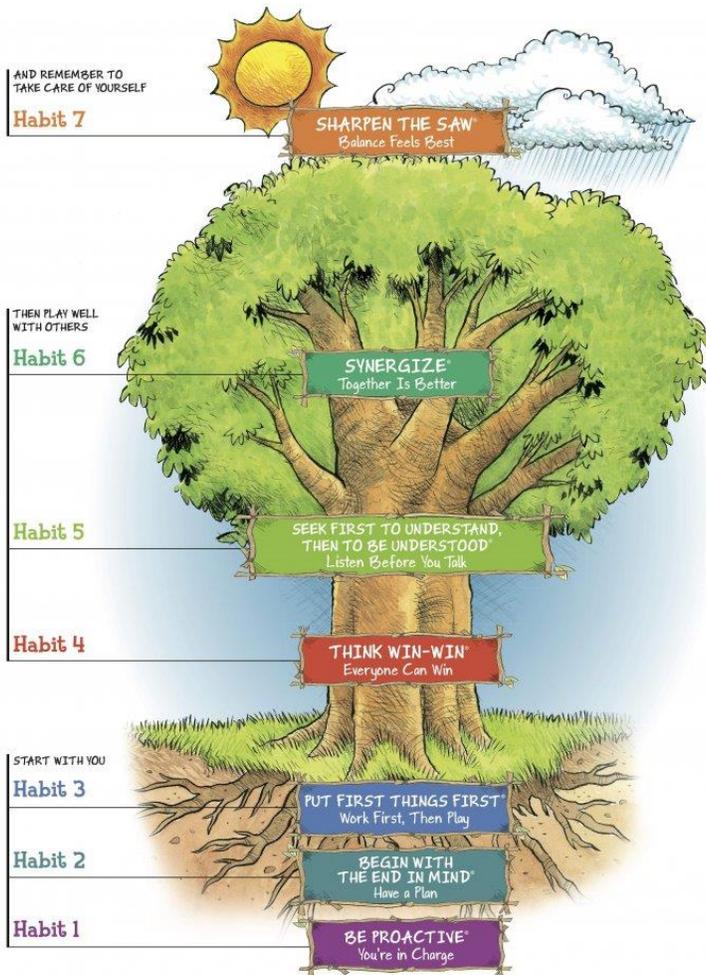
- **Everyday Mathematics** - This curriculum develops math skills that will promote lifelong mathematics competency, the following concepts are the foundations of this program:
 - Use of concrete, real-life examples that are meaningful and memorable as an introduction to key mathematical concepts.
 - Repeated exposures to mathematical concepts and skills to develop children's ability to recall knowledge from long-term memory.
 - Frequent practice of basic computation skills to build mastery of procedures and quick recall of facts, often through games and verbal exercises.
 - Use of multiple methods and problem-solving strategies to foster true proficiency and accommodate different learning styles.
- **Technology**- Hope recently received a grant that allowed for the most high tech model of SmartBoard Technology to be placed in each classroom. Students are now engaged in hands on SmartBoard lessons that expands our possibilities for academic growth. Students also have access to laptops in the classrooms.



The Leader In Me:

In the Fall of 2014, The Hope community implemented **The Leader In Me** program, an elementary school approach to **Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** in its culture. This program teaches leadership skills at the elementary level by creating opportunities for students to take control of their own education, reach set goals, and promote teamwork. Through this program students are involved in clubs, take on leadership roles within the school, work on community service projects, and are taught public speaking skills. All students live out the 7 Habits of Happy Kids on a daily basis.

The 7 Habits® Tree



The 7 Habits

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand then to be Understood

Habit 6: Synergize

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw



Extra Curriculum:

- In addition to our daily curriculum and The Leader In Me program students also participate in many special classes. At Hope each student takes **Spanish, Healthy/Fitness, Music, Leadership, and Karate.**

Clubs				Student Leadership Roles	
Each student at Hope is involved in a Club of their choice, our clubs meet on early release days during school hours. Some of our Clubs are:				All students apply for a Leadership Role within their classroom and they are also given the opportunity to apply for a school wide Leadership Role as well. Students are responsible for carrying out their Leadership Roles. Just a few of our school wide Leadership Roles are:	
Art	Step	Math	Photography	Tour Guide	Interior Decorator
Sewing	Drama	Gardening	Fitness	Public Speaker	Nutritionist
Dance	Crafts	Science	Cooking	Student Lighthouse	Technology Leader
Book	Spanish	Scrapbooking	Games		

Afterschool Care and Wrap Around Support:

- Hope has partnered with the Y Learning Afterschool Program to provide students a positive and nurturing environment both **after school and during the summer track out** periods. While school is in session program is held at Hope and is free for all students. It runs from 3:00-6:00 daily.
- Hope works alongside the Interfaith Food Shuttle with the Backpack Buddies program to provide food to our students over the weekends, this is free of cost for our families.
- We provide **free annual vision screenings and bi-annual dental services** to all of our students.
- We provide two sets of school uniforms semi-annually and where needed assist families with that cost and other community partnerships provide families with Holiday meals and gifts during Christmas time.