



155 Orchard Lane
Banner Elk NC 28604

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2025-2026



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The Banner Elk School logo is set against a stylized background of a mountain range and evergreen trees. The mountains are depicted in shades of blue and grey, with white clouds. The sky is a light tan color. The text 'BANNER ELK' is in orange, and 'SCHOOL' is in dark blue. A small orange and black striped snake is coiled around the letter 'K' in 'ELK'.

BANNER ELK
SCHOOL

BE BOLD- BE BRAVE- BE YOU
JUST BE

ABOUT BES

Established in 1995 by the Kenan Institute for the Arts, the A+ Schools Program began with 25 Pre-K–12 public schools that participated in an extensive four-year evaluation. The results of the initial evaluation, and the subsequent evaluation in the eighth year, attributed the success and sustainability of the program to the use of arts in school reform, the professional development and the network created to support teachers and schools. Banner Elk was an original A+ school that was trained initially back in 1995. Now, some 30 years later, Banner Elk continues to use A+ practices to guide instruction, planning, integration and be the core value of what happens each day at Banner Elk.



A+ Schools

Established in North Carolina in 1995, A+ Schools of North Carolina is a signature program of the North Carolina Arts Council and the longest-running, arts-based whole-school transformation model in the nation. The program views the arts as fundamental to teaching and learning.



Banner Elk Mission

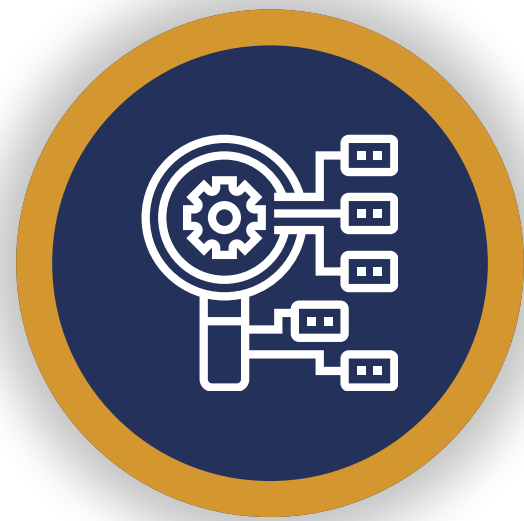
Banner Elk A+ School will produce students that are responsible and respectful of themselves, others and the environment

Banner Elk Vision

Banner Elk A+ School where children enter as students and leave as leaders.

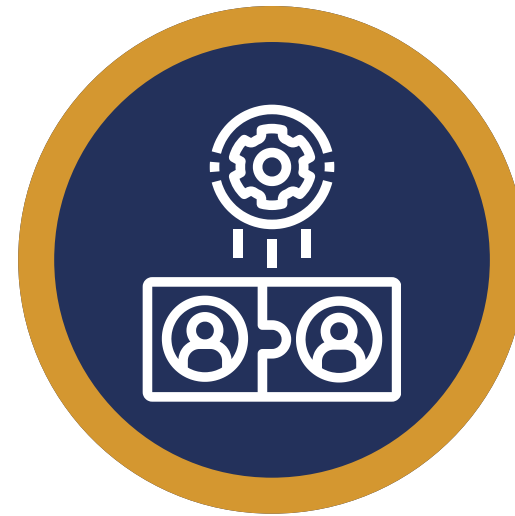


School Improvement Team Goals



**Reading/Math Proficiency Grade
Level Proficient - 81 to 85
Career/College Ready- 74 to 79
Growth from Met to Exceed 71 % to
85%**

**NC SBE Goal 2: - Improve school and
district performance by 2027**



**Target and increase RCA
House System through
community service day. All
students will be
participating in our
community project.**

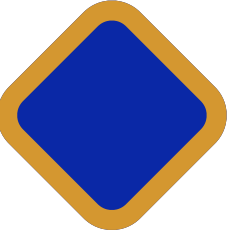
**NC SBE Goal 1: -
Eliminate
opportunity gaps
by 2027**



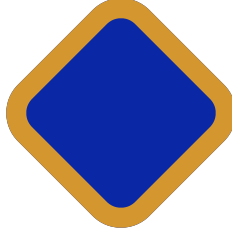
**A+ Schools ongoing
training AND building
capacity for years to
come. Celebrating 30
years.**

**NC SBE Goal 3: -
Increase Educator
preparedness to
meet the needs of
every student by
2027**

Action Plan



Target AIG population of students. Reviewing last years growth measures/projections that is a continued area of opportunity- especially in the area of reading. How can we accelerate and challenge that cluster of students in grades 4/5. Looking at incoming projections- our overall school proficiency should be around 80 % given to cohort data, however we will still keep our goal of 90% as a measure of opportunity. Use EVAAS to plan and target.



Like Lees Mcrae and their Mountain Day of Service we will use our house system to have a House Day of Service for our stakeholders. All grade levels will take a day to work at school, community places and give back to agencies who pour into our school.

Leadership/New Teacher Conference attended in October

A+ Fellows 1/2 day PD scheduled for Sping

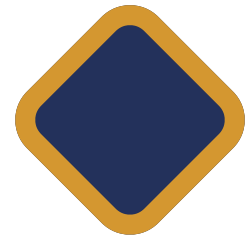
Summer PD June 2026



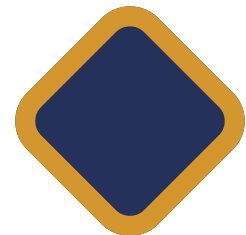
NC ARTS COUNCIL GRANT! Fused Glass/Alexia Eliana Visual Arts

Amazing Shake/School Musical

Meeting Dates ?



Jan 27th
5:30-SIT/LEADERSHIP
6:30-PTO



APRIL 28TH
5:30-SIT/LEADERSHIP
6:30-PTO

**Roads and Weather
conditions could alter?**

4 Houses-1 School



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