

THE CUMBERLAND COMMITMENT: STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

OUR VISION + MISSION + VALUES + PRIORITIES



OUR VISION

the future we seek for our students

Every student will have a fair opportunity to access engaging learning that prepares them to be collaborative, competitive, and successful in our global world.

OUR MISSION

what we do to achieve that future

Cumberland County Schools will provide a safe, positive, and rigorous learning environment to prepare lifelong learners to reach their maximum potential.

OUR CORE VALUES

shared beliefs to guide our work

EXCELLENCE

We pursue and maintain the highest standards

INNOVATION

We develop new and emerging solutions

COLLABORATION

We work together to produce the best results

FAIRNESS

We provide every student a fair opportunity for success

INTEGRITY

We speak and act honestly and truthfully

COMPASSION

We treat everyone with concern and understanding

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

major priorities that enable our vision and mission

1 SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Graduate every student confident, competitive, and ready for a career, college, and life.

2 PREMIER PROFESSIONALS

Recruit, support, and retain impactful teachers, leaders, and support staff.

3 EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Integrate resources, facilities, and staff to maintain a safe, inviting learning environment for students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

4 COMMITTED COMMUNITY

Collectively engage schools, parents, and community in building student success.

OUR ROADMAP TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

OUR PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

1 | SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Graduate every student confident, competitive, and ready for a career, college, and life.

- 1A: Implement robust learning experiences
- 1B: Define, understand, and promote educational fairness
- 1C: Develop modern learning environments
- 1D: Create tiers of services
- 1E: Establish and align clear career pathways

2 | PREMIER PROFESSIONALS

Recruit, support, and retain impactful teachers, leaders, and support staff.

- 2A: Recruit and retain premier professionals
- 2B: Develop human capital
- 2C: Develop educator talent pathways and data-driven professional learning

3 | EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Integrate resources, facilities, and staff to maintain a safe, inviting learning environment for students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

- 3A: Maintain safe and secure schools
- 3B: Develop a behavioral and mental health framework
- 3C: Maximize student graduation rates
- 3D: Build the capacity of schools to serve all students

4 | COMMITTED COMMUNITY

Collectively engage schools, parents and community in building student success.

- 4A: Develop a district wide family engagement outreach program
- 4B: Utilize diverse communications and marketing
- 4C: Strengthen community, business, university, municipal, and military partnerships

MEASURES

- Course offerings
- EOGs & EOCs
- ACT scores
- Student growth
- Physical activity
- CTE completers
- Technology

- Teacher retention
- Staff vacancies
- Staff experience
- Teachers meeting or exceeding growth
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Educator professional development survey

- Student survey
- Stakeholder survey
- Suspension rates
- Graduation rates
- Attendance
- Military support services

- Parent and community survey
- Social media activity
- Community and school event attendance
- Community partnerships
- Access to parent portal

Read the full Strategic Plan at
www.strategicplan.ccs.k12.nc.us