

# Wakefield Middle School 2009-2010

## Mission Statement

The Wakefield Middle School community will provide an education which prepares all students for future challenges.

## Vision Statement

The Wakefield Middle School community will continuously embrace diversity and assist students in reaching their highest potential in a safe, nurturing environment. We are committed to academic excellence for all by providing integrated instruction that addresses the developmental needs of middle school students. We will cultivate individual strengths and talents, as well as positive character traits in each student to better prepare him/her to be a successful member of society.

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## Administration

562-3500

Tripp Crayton	Principal
Lara Fricke	Assistant Principal
Wallace Sellars	Assistant Principal
Diana Tullis	Assistant Principal

## School Facts

Wakefield Middle School, established in 2000, is a traditional public middle school located in northern Wake County. Our current enrollment is approximately 1202 in grades 6-8. There are approximately 100 instructional staff members and 8 administrative and clerical assistants. In 2008-2009, Wakefield Middle School met 100% of the target goals for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

standards of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Wakefield Middle is also designated as a “School of Distinction” as rated by the NC Department of Public Instruction’s ABC standards signifying that 85% of our students are performing at or above grade level.

The instructional day begins at 8:05 and ends at 3:00. Classes at Wakefield Middle are scheduled in a 6-period day. All students take Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health/Physical Education, and an elective each semester. Courses are available to meet the needs of regular, advanced, academically gifted, and special programs students as well as students who qualify for ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. For their elective class, students can choose courses in Arts Education (Band, Strings, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama), and Vocational/Technical Education (Keyboarding, Business Computer Technology, Woodworking, Exploring Life Skills, Exploring Technology Systems). Qualified students can take ALP (Accelerated Learning Program) for EOG preparation or CPS (College Preparatory Success).

Students are assigned to heterogeneous teams at each grade level. Each team offers equal availability of advanced and regular classes. Students have their team teachers for Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies in the same area of the campus, called pods. Lockers and bathrooms are located near the team pod and modular unit.

Extra-curricular activities include athletic and non-athletic options. Seventh and eighth graders can try out for football, basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, and track. Wakefield also offers Battle of the Books, Jazz Band, Beta Club, Odyssey of the Mind, and others based on interest and support.

**Wakefield Middle School  
Student Services Department  
(919) 562-3509**

**Mission Statement**

Wakefield Middle School Counseling Department provides a comprehensive guidance program that will assist all students in acquiring the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed to become effective students, responsible citizens, productive workers, and lifelong learners.

**Philosophy and Belief Statement**

The Wakefield Middle School Counseling Department believes that all students should be respected, supported, and assisted in the achievement of academic, personal/social, and future educational and career goals. Counselors believe that all students have the right to be served by the school counseling program and should have access to a state-certified school counselor. The counseling program should have stated goals and developmental student competencies with appropriate activities planned and coordinated by the counseling staff.

All students should have access to a school counselor to discuss personal concerns,  
educational goals, and career planning

Wakefield counselors will plan and evaluate programs, goals, and services according to the professional and ethical guidelines set forth by the American School Counselor Association.

Counselors will participate in professional development opportunities to maintain a quality school counseling program that addresses the needs of all Wakefield Middle School students.

**Counselor Assignments and Contact Information**

Name	Assignment	Voice Mail	E-Mail (Quickest method to reach staff members)
Dr. Laura Inscoe	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor/SST Coordinator	562-3515	linscoe@wcpss.net
Brenda Joyner	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor/Lead	562-3512	bjoyner@wcpss.net
Dr. Elaine Harper	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor/504 Coordinator	562-3511	charper@wcpss.net
Deana Bagley	School Social Worker	562-3584	dbagley@wcpss.net
Deborah Sowa	School Psychologist	562-3586	dsowa@wcpss.net
Crystal McGregor	Speech Pathologist	562-3586	cmcgregor@wcpss.net
Hollie Willis	Nurse	562-3584	hwillis@wcpss.net
Linda Anderson	Student Services Assistant	562-3509	landerson3@wcpss.net
Ann Worley	AG Coordinator	562-3514	aworley@wcpss.net
Ellie Watkins	Career Development Coordinator	562-3538	ewatkins@wcpss.net
Kory Whitfield	NCWISE Data Manager	562-3507	kwhitfield@wcpss.net

### **Student Services Can Help with the Following:**

- Counselor Appointments
- Individual and Personal/Social and Career Counseling
- Transitioning to Middle School
- Being a Successful Student: It's more than just straight "A's"
- Peer Mediation
- Conflict Resolution
- Contact with Community Agencies
- Study Skills
- Time Management
- NC Virtual Public School
- Course Information/Registration
- Classroom Guidance Sessions
- Enrolling/Scheduling New Students
- Withdrawal/Transferring to a different school
- Student Services Volunteers
- Information Regarding Work Permits

### **Grading System**

Students earn letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F on their report cards. They may also be assigned a grade of "I" for "Incomplete" if, because of an emergency, they do not complete work by the end of the grading period. The "Incomplete" becomes an "F" if work is not finished by an assigned time. Letter grades have the following numerical values:

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	77-84
D	70-76
F	less than 70
FF	failed for violation of attendance policy

Performance on the End-of-Course Algebra I and Geometry test counts as twenty-five percent (25%) of the final grade for students enrolled in those courses.

### **Promotion Requirements**

North Carolina State Board of Education policy (NCAC6D.0304) requires that students demonstrate proficiency on North Carolina End-of-Grade tests and Writing Assessment in order to be considered for promotion to grade nine. In addition, Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) policy (5530) requires grade-level proficiency in reading and mathematics in grades six and seven. To be promoted, students must meet test proficiency standards and receive a passing grade (D or better) in:

- Language Arts,
- Mathematics,
- either Social Studies or Science, and  
half of all remaining courses taken.

Students who fail to achieve the required promotion standards may be:

- referred for participation in academic assistance programs,
- re-tested on EOG tests, and/or
- given a comprehensive review of academic performance prior to the final promotion/retention decision.

In addition to academic performance requirements, students must meet the requirements of the WCPSS attendance policy. Failure to meet the requirements of the attendance policy may result in failure of a class and grade retention. Such students receive a grade of "FF." North Carolina Law [115C-288(a)] mandates that the final decision regarding promotion or retention of students lies with the principal.

### **Report Cards/Progress Reports**

**Progress reports** will be issued each class period during the following weeks:

September 25, 2009  
December 11, 2009  
February 26, 2010  
May 7, 2010

**Grading periods** end October 29th, January 22nd, March 26th, and June 9th with **report cards** being disseminated during homeroom on the following dates:

November 5, 2009  
January 29, 2010  
April 9, 2010

\* June report cards will be mailed home on June 9, 2010

### **Transferring to Another School? How to Withdraw:**

Parents who wish to withdraw their student from enrollment at Wakefield Middle School must contact Linda Anderson (562-3509) prior to the withdrawal date. She will prepare the necessary form which the student will pick up from her on the morning of the last day of attendance. The student will present the form to each of his/her teachers for their signature and current grade. The completed form must be returned to Mrs. Anderson at the end of the day. The student will receive a copy of the form to be given to the new school upon registration. Students must return all textbooks and library books prior to withdrawal.

### **HOW TO PICK UP A STUDENT MESSAGE/ITEM DROPPED OFF FOR STUDENTS**

Protecting instructional time is critical to student academic success. Please make sure the message is absolutely necessary. In addition, students are encouraged to plan ahead for items they will need for classes, athletics, band, and other school-related activity. **Class time will NOT be interrupted to deliver messages or items to students.** The following process will be used to notify students of messages or items dropped off at the front desk:

- Messages or items must be received before the first lunch begins;
- The item will be placed on a designated table in the front office for items to be tagged/identified by the parent and left for the student;

- During homeroom, morning announcements will be made with names listed of students with messages or items to pick up as of 9:00 a.m.
- It will be the **student's** responsibility to listen for his/her name during announcements;
- Names will be read at 2:57 p.m. for students who failed to pick up an item or messages related to transportation.

**Classes will NOT be interrupted to deliver messages, packages, or belongings to students.**