

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Forsyth County Schools
Special Education



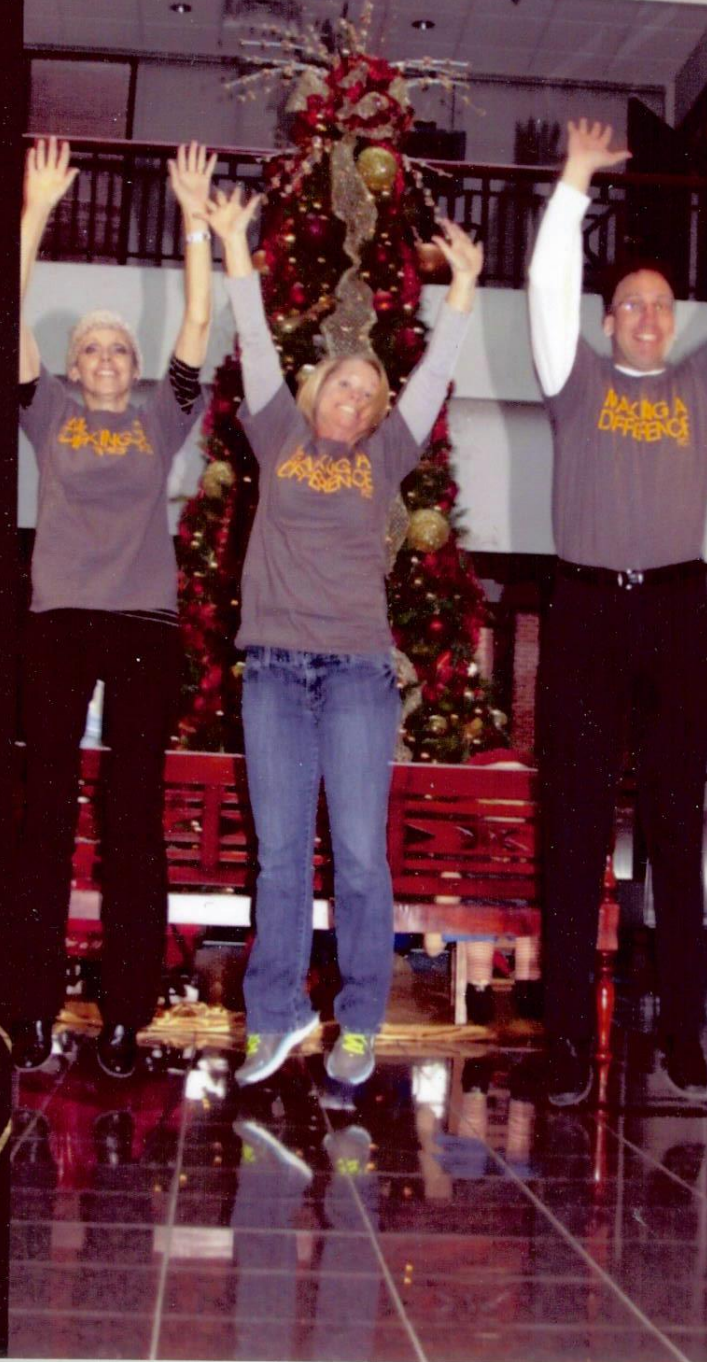
May the many gifts of this

Blessed

season be yours

SENDING WARM WISHES
FROM THE SPECIAL
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

2013



Get to Know Us!

- ▣ Graduation Rate
- ▣ Drop Out Rate
- ▣ Demographics

Agenda

- ▣ Initial Research
- ▣ County Wide Academic and Emotional-Relational Interventions and Strategies
- ▣ School Specific Academic and Emotional/Relational Interventions and Strategies
- ▣ Transition Diploma – Beyond the 4 years.
- ▣ What's Next for Forsyth County?
 - New Initiatives

Tackling Graduation Barriers

- ▣ 2010 PROPEL
 - Collaboration between FCSS and Chamber, students, and businesses
 - Vast Data Analyzed – data and surveys
 - Top Schools with similar demographics and High Graduation Rates
- ▣ Action Team Recommendations
 - Relationships
 - Community Connections
 - Staff Collaboration of Academics and Data
 - Ie2 - flexibility

Its Starts Early!

- ▣ Child Find Procedures
- ▣ Parent Resources and Accessibility
- ▣ Regularly Scheduled Developmental Screening
- ▣ Community Collaboration
- ▣ DAP Curriculum

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Transitions from Elementary - High

- ▣ Transition Workshops for 5th to 6th and 8th to 9th.
- ▣ County-wide collaborative meetings to continuously address transition needs
- ▣ Transition Liaisons at the Schools to attend Transition IEP Meetings
- ▣ Vertical planning meetings with special education chairs, AP's and county facilitators.

IEP Team – Awareness is Key

- ▣ Interventions Chart
- ▣ AT Chart
 - Math, Communication, Writing, Spelling, Reading
- ▣ Transition Timelines and Templates
 - DD and Work/College Bound
- ▣ Behavioral Supports

Scheduling and Flexibility

- ▣ Ie2
- ▣ Summer School with Mountain Ed
- ▣ APEX Courses
- ▣ ITS Learning – online resources
- ▣ Zero Period
- ▣ Saturday School
- ▣ Instructional Focus
- ▣ Before and After tutoring

Academic Interventions

- ▣ Study Skills
 - 7 habits of highly successful teens
- ▣ SIMS Strategies
 - Academics and study skills
- ▣ Moby Max
- ▣ Journey's III from Voyager

Transition Supports

- ▣ VR Contract
- ▣ Transition Assessments Online
- ▣ Visits to Colleges
- ▣ Transition Timeline and Template
- ▣ HS Counselor Team Meetings and IEP Meetings
- ▣ [Website of Resources](#)
- ▣ Monthly Transition Workshops
- ▣ [Diploma Chart](#)
- ▣ [Interventions Per Student Form](#)

Team/Collaborative Supports

- ▣ Highly Qualified
- ▣ HS Chairs – reduced teaching hours
- ▣ Data Decision Making Teams
- ▣ Partnering with Graduation Coach
- ▣ Behavioral and IEP Reports

North Forsyth High School

- ▣ Achieve 3000 – Reading Program
- ▣ Habitudes – Tim Elmore
- ▣ Dialectical Behavioral Therapy

Forsyth Central High School

- ▣ Parent Night for At-Risk Students

West Forsyth High School

- ▣ Khan Math Academy
- ▣ Mindfulness

Lambert High School

- ▣ LASSO – Saturday supports
- ▣ School Wide Identification Teams

South High School

- ▣ Mandatory end of day tutoring on APEX for at-risk seniors
- ▣ Math Sessions

“Untraditional” Graduate

- ▣ 5 or 6 year plan/extension
 - Creative scheduling for standards-based
 - Incorporate CBVI and modified curriculum as needed

- ▣ Utilization of at-risk interventions form

- ▣ LIFE Program : 5th – 7th year of high school

New Initiatives

- ▣ Transition Coalition
 - Occupations within Pathways
 - Student Led IEP
 - Purposeful Transitions – utilize resources found on Transition Coalition website:
www.transitioncoalition.org/

Math and At-Risk

- ▣ Research
- ▣ Identify Students
- ▣ After-School Extended Day Program
- ▣ IXL – Online Math Program
- ▣ Utilize resources already in place with more focus based results

7 Mindsets

Everything is Possible

"The only place where your dream becomes impossible is in your own thinking." - Robert Schuller

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Course 1 - Introduction to the 7 Mindsets

Start Here



Introduction to the 7 Mindsets

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
- Mahatma Gandhi

Mindset #1



Everything is Possible

"All of our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them"
- Walt Disney

Mindset #2



Passion First

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you discover why."
- Mark Twain

Mindset #3



We are Connected

"If you can accomplish your dream alone, then you are not dreaming big enough."
- Scott Riggsby

Mindset #4



100% Accountable

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."
- Henry Ford

Mindset #5



Attitude of Gratitude

"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass... it's about learning how to dance in the rain."
- William Shakespeare

Mindset #6



Live to Give

"You can accomplish anything you want in life, if you first help enough other people get what they want."
- Zig Ziglar

Mindset #7



The Time is Now

"No one can go back and make a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."
- Maria Robinson

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