



Franklin County Schools Grow Our Own Future Educators



Purpose:

The Franklin County Schools Grow Our Own Future Educator program will prepare Franklin County School's Early College High School students for the profession of teaching. After completing the program, students will be prepared to be highly effective teachers in Franklin County Schools.





Partnerships

This program will be completed through partnerships with Vance Granville Community College and East Carolina University's Partnership Teach Program.





Overview of Program

- Students will be recruited from ECHS in their sophomore year based on their interest in becoming a teacher.
- Once selected students will be enrolled in courses through Vance Granville Community College that are a part of ECU's Partnership Teach prerequisite coursework for either a degree in Elementary, Middle Grades SS & ELA, or Special Education
 - After graduation from ECHS, students will continue taking coursework at ECU through the Partnership Teach, an online degree completion program.
 - Since the majority of the Partnership Teach prerequisite courses will align with course options for an associates degree, students will be able to complete the prerequisite courses while earning their associates degree from VGCC.





Overview of Program

- Partnership East offers pathways for future teachers to be licensed in :
 - ▷ Elementary Education
 - ▷ Middle Grade Education - Social Studies & Language Arts
 - ▷ Special Education - Adapted and General Curriculum
- Vance Granville Community College feels they can outline a 4-Year Plan for each degree program area that will serve as a guide for students and their counselor when determining which courses to take that will ensure that students take courses to meet all high school requirements, an associates degree, and enables students to take most, if not all, Partnership Teach prerequisite courses.





Overview of Program

- Students participating in the program will be assigned a mentor teacher while they are attending ECHS.
 - ▷ Mentor teachers will:
 - ▷ Hold monthly meetings about the teaching profession.
 - ▷ Assist in recruiting interested students.
 - ▷ Available to answer student questions.
 - ▷ Receive additional duty pay for serving as a mentor.





Overview of Program

- Paid Internships
 - Students in their Junior and Senior years will be offered paid internships during summer learning.
- Upon graduation from ECHS, students in good standing will be offered instructional assistant positions while they complete East Carolina University's Partnership Teach degree program.
 - Partnership Teach tuition will be paid for through Federal Funds. Candidates must maintain employment as an instructional assistant and receive at least a grade of C or better to maintain funding for their coursework.
 - Recipients will not be required to drive a bus while they are attending Partnership Teach and serving as a instructional assistant
 - Once enrolled at ECU, Partnership Teach is a 3-year, part-time, online education degree program.





Overview of Program

- Graduation from East Carolina University
 - Once a tuition award recipient graduates from ECU in good standing, he/she will be offered a teaching position. This offer will be based on licensure and current vacancies.
 - Tuition award recipients will sign an employee agreement before starting Partnership Teach coursework at ECU, acknowledging that they will work at least 24 months as a teacher in Franklin County Schools upon graduation. Failure to meet this obligation will result in the award recipient being required to repay Franklin County Schools for the full amount of all tuition awards.





Timeline

- 2023-2024 School Year
 - ▷ Board approval of Grow Our Own Future Educator program
 - ▷ Advertisement of program
 - ▷ Recruitment of teacher candidates to complete the program
 - ▷ Finalize courses with Vance Granville Community College
 - ▷ Select mentor teacher
- 2024-2025
 - ▷ Full implementation of the program
 - ▷ Monthly candidate meetings with mentors
- Summer of 2024
 - ▷ Start internship program
- Future ECHS graduates start working as instructional assistants and enroll in East Carolina University to complete their teaching degree





Questions





Seeking Board Approval

Recommendation for BOE Consideration:

Begin the Grow Our Own Future Educator program in partnership with Vance Granville Community College and East Carolina University as outlined in this presentation.

