The Five Pillars of Community Schools





Integrated Student Supports

Addressing out-of -school barriers to learning, which may include access to medical providers or social service agencies. This pillar also includes educational practices focused on relationship-building.



Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities

Before-school, after-school, weekend and summer programming, or even programming that occurs within the school day, which enhances school curricula through individualized academic support, or through hands-on learning experience.



Active Family and Community Engagement

Bringing family and community members into our schools as partners in education, and developing opportunities for lifelong learning.



Collaborative Leadership and Practices

Building a culture of collective trust and shared responsibility through distributive leadership, community involvement, and youth voice.



Safe, Inclusive, and Equitable Learning Environments

Fostering environments where all students, families, and community members feel healthy, safe, and supported in achieving their learning goals.

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Integrated Student Supports

- Identification and support of 107 McKinney-Vento Eligible Students
- Support to **253 students** (223 "Ready-To-Learn" goods and materials, 56 transportation, 53 referrals)
- 802/Community Dental Program served 80+ students
- 31 households with 140 individuals receiving grocery deliveries each week
- 77 participants attended playgroups in four different communities (38% of families who attended came to more than one)
- 66 students have been referred and engaged in the Restorative Truancy project in SY'23 and SY'24



Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities

- 30 students attended cooking and nutrition classes with EFNEP in Winter of 2024, 18 attended in Winter 2023
- 220 attendees over 10 weeks of the Art VanGO! in 2024 with 102 of those being unique visitors
- There have been 185 visitors to 10 Community STEAM events with 103 unique attendees
- 20 elementary students attended SUGAR Workshop with EFNEP in Spring 2024



Active Family and Community Engagement

- 6 NCSU Schools have offered Celebrations of Learning with the support of CS funding and staff.
- 36 community members attended Green Up in May '23
- 23 community members attended Foster Fest in Dec. '23

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Collaborative Leadership and Practices

- Monthly Home School Coordinator professional development and networking opportunities including:
 - VT Economic Services: Programs and Eligibility
 - UMBRELLA, "Keeping your Kids Out of Trafficking"
 - Easter Seals: Family Time Coaching, Care Coordination, Family Safety Planning
 - Rights and Responsibilities: McKinney-Vento, Migrant Education, and English Language Learners
 - School Tech Training: Powerschool, Parentsquare, Canva, and Cyber Safety
- NCSU Community Schools staff serve on:
 - Housing Review Team
 - Continuum of Care
 - Orleans County Student Engagement Team
 - Community Partners Team
 - Child Protection Team
 - VCRD Youth Opportunity Advisory Board



Safe, Inclusive, and Equitable Learning Environments

- Contracted translation and interpreter services to support all NCSU schools
- Outright VT has been engaged for a multi-year training contract to increase our knowledge, skills and implementation plan for supporting LGBTQ+ students and families.

NCSU Community Schools Quotes from Participants

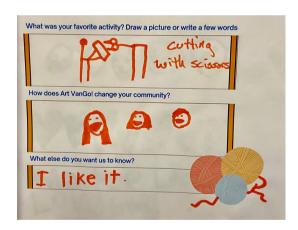


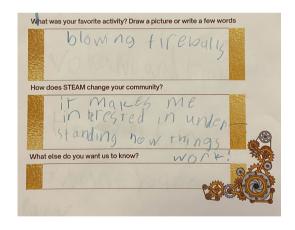
Restorative Truancy

The family center has supported me and my family, as we have been going through our most difficult time as a family. The coordination of services with the school and emotional support for my children and especially to me has been overwhelmingly helpful, as I am grateful for that. One of the hardest challenges I have faced is the behavioral issues from my children that related to current situation, while facing being a single parent. This was something I certainly did not anticipate. The support I have received has helped me gain more understanding of the situation, in support of the new role as a parent I may be facing.

Community STEAM and Art VanGO! Feedback

STEAM Nights are a wonderful experience! We also attended the Art Night Series in Newport City earlier this year. Both were family-friendly events that my family looked forward to and we were sad as the series comes to an end.





UVM-EFNEP Student Nutrition and Cooking Classes

Katie: Do we like it? Would you change it? What could we do differently?

Student 1 "Granola. That would be good."

Student 2:" It's good for you because it's made out of oats."

Student: "What happens if you have a fast metabolism? I have to eat every hour or so."

Katie: Maybe you want to add some protein to your snack and your won't get as hungry. Add some other food groups to your snacks.": Maybe you want to add some protein to your snack and your won't get as hungry. Add some other food groups to your snacks."

Student comment on carbohydrates: "Basically, like, it's like a battery. You use it all up and then you are out of energy."