

# Elkin City Schools

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**Dear Parents and Citizens:**

The Elkin City School System has a long-standing tradition of excellence where every student is expected to achieve at his/her highest level. We value the strong support that our parents and community members provide, and are pleased to provide you with these report cards that outline the facts about our schools and district for the 2013-2014 school year. The information will assist you in helping us to strengthen our academic achievement and to continue to provide educational opportunities for the future.

The North Carolina Report Card offers many different educational aspects about our schools. You will see in our data this year, a letter grade for each school in our district. The letter grade is a result of a law established by the North Carolina Legislature. The letter Grade represents various aspects of the educational environment including: End of Grade Test Data, End of Course Test Data, Math Course Rigor, ACT WorkKeys, Graduation Rate, the ACT and student attendance. See <http://www.ncreportcards.org/src/> for more detailed information. Our student growth for all tested areas continues to reflect the highest composite achievement scores of all area school systems. But the data only tells a portion of the story about our school district. The Elkin City School System has many caring educators and an education staff who have chosen to implement a *STEAM* infused educational model for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12. Our test scores and data comparisons reflect our focus on "improving teaching standards through Problem Based Learning and *STEAM* focused activities" as we strive to become the first *STEAM infused school system* in North Carolina.

As you analyze and compare the data, you will see that the report cards tell us how we compare to state expectations. Elkin Elementary School ranks in the Top 5 LEA's in North Carolina in Reading with a total composite score of 73.6. Elkin Elementary School's fifth grade students ranked "1<sup>st</sup> in NC" in reading and mathematics. Grade 3 ranked "5<sup>th</sup> in NC" for both reading and mathematics. Elkin Middle School seventh graders ranked "3<sup>rd</sup> in NC in reading and tenth in NC in mathematics." Elkin Middle School eighth graders ranked "7<sup>th</sup> in Reading in NC and 4<sup>th</sup> in Science education in NC." Elkin Elementary School and Elkin High School *Exceeded Expected Student Growth* based on student academic achievement. Elkin Middle School *Met Expected Student Growth*. Elkin City Schools is ranked #1 in North Carolina for meeting 100% of meeting our Annual Measureable Objectives (AMO's). We invite you to talk with your teachers, principals, and the central office staff about your views on how "we" can improve and best meet the educational needs of your children and this community. There is always room for improvement and we will continue to work diligently to address the educational needs of all children, thusly, helping each child to be college prepared, career ready and a productive citizen.

Please feel free to contact our school principals as they are the best resource for additional information about the individual school and its report card. We welcome your input and hope these report cards will lead you to a greater understanding of each school. Join us as we celebrate our success for the 2013-14 school year. We continue to focus on strategies for growth and higher performance as we prepare students to be College and Career Ready.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent