

Alamance-Burlington Schools



Inaugural Member North Carolina Global Schools Network

What is the Global Schools Network?

The N.C. State Board of Education, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, the N.C. Department of Commerce and North Carolina Business Committee for Education have partnered to develop the N.C. Global Schools Network (GSN), an alliance of schools, school districts, organizations and businesses committed to creating collaborative approaches to international education. GSN will focus on creating education systems with a deep commitment to international education and 21st century student preparation, leveraging those extraordinary systems to attract multi-national businesses and international investment to local communities.

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Who are the school district members of the Global Schools Network?

On August 5, 2010, Cumberland County Schools was designated as the district demonstration model and the founding district member of the Global Schools Network.

On March 24, 2011, Alamance-Burlington Schools, Buncombe County Schools, Chapel-Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Duplin County Schools, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools, Greene County Schools, Johnston County Schools, McDowell County Schools, Onslow County School System, Union County Public Schools, Wake County Public School System and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools were selected as inaugural members of the Global Schools Network based on their commitment to make international education a priority and a core component of their strategy to better prepare all students for college and careers.

What is the role of the N.C. Department of Commerce in GSN?

The success of our state and local communities hinges on the ability of school districts to raise a workforce that is adept in collaborating and communicating with the rest of the world. By aligning stakeholders in education and business through the Global

Schools Network, communities can improve the education and work readiness of their students, and by doing so, entice employers to relocate to their community and hire locally.

How will GSN benefit North Carolina and Alamance County?

- Strengthen public schools with highly desirable global learning environments
- Prepare students with the global skills and knowledge required to compete in college and employment in an increasingly competitive global marketplace
- Improve retention of teachers by providing unique professional development opportunities that prepare them to deliver globally-infused curriculum
- Heighten the ability to engage and attract multi-national businesses and further economic development opportunities