FIRST WARD CREATIVE ARTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

A National Model for Arts & Academic Excellence

At First Ward Creative Arts Academy, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to grow into a confident, independent thinker who shines both **artistically** and **academically**. We are committed to nurturing emerging artists through daily arts exploration, challenging academics, and a strong, caring community. We promise to ensure that each student thrives not only in middle school, but well beyond socially, emotionally, creatively, and intellectually. We strive to be a **model of excellence in arts and education** and a place where every child is seen, heard, and empowered to succeed.

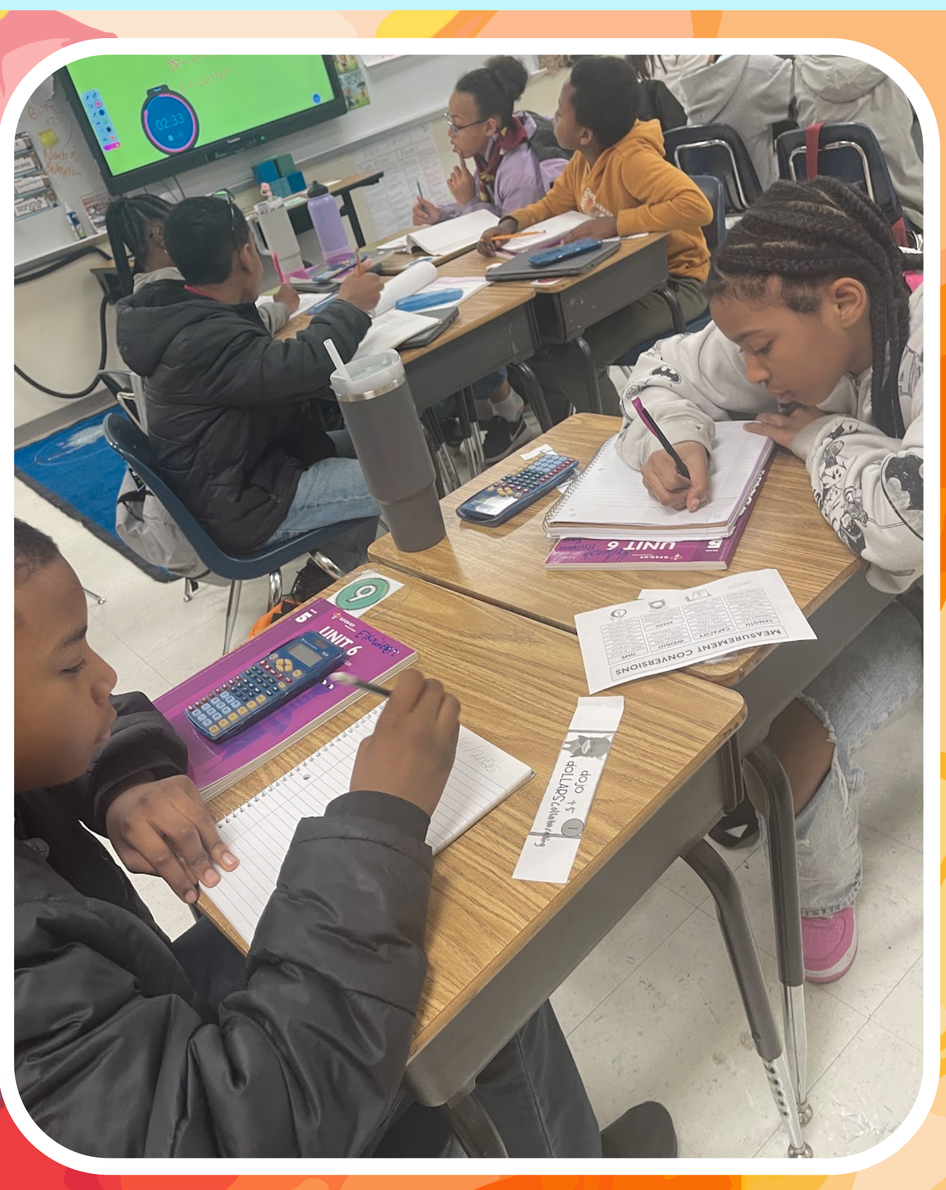
SCHOLAR LEARNING

Our Students Thrive When…

- They explore the arts daily and major in an art of their choice discovering new talents and passions.
- They are challenged academically with high expectations in every subject.
- They learn in a safe, nurturing environment that affirms their identity and promotes equity.
- They are supported socially and emotionally throughout their middle school years.
- Their voices are heard and valued in classrooms, performances, and school decisions.

We Promise:

Every student will excel artistically, academically, socially, and emotionally.





TEACHING PRACTICES

Our Classrooms Reflect…

- Standards-aligned, rigorous instruction every day.
- Arts exploration learning that sparks creativity and critical thinking.
- Inclusive practices that honor each scholar's background and abilities.
- Caring relationships and affirmations that foster student confidence.
- Culturally responsive teaching where all students see themselves in the curriculum.

We Believe:

Great teaching is grounded in current best practices and led by passionate, skilled educators.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

Our Staff Commits To…

- Growing through ongoing coaching, feedback, and reflection.
- Working in collaborative teams to support student success.
- Creating a positive school culture where every adult contributes.
- Partnering with families because parents are essential to our students' success.
- Leading with open communication and shared responsibility.

We Model:

Excellence in both the arts and education, preparing students for life beyond middle school.

