

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Teacher Advisory Committee

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

TAC IS BUILT!

The Teacher Advisory Council (TAC) brings together Brunswick County Schools' Teachers of the Year, district cabinet, and school board members to collaborate on strengthening our schools and supporting teachers. The goal is to ensure teacher voices are heard and to work side-by-side with district leadership to improve communication, instruction, recognition, and policy for the betterment of all BCS students and staff.

This year, TAC committees will focus on the following areas:

- Building Communication & Outreach** – Strengthening bridges between schools, families, and the community.
- Uniting Professional Development, Resources, & Data** – Sharing best practices and supports to benefit every classroom.
- Influencing Policy & Curriculum** – Guiding district decisions to remain practical, relevant, and teacher-friendly.
- Lifting Recognition & Morale** – Highlighting and appreciating the work of teachers and staff.
- Transform for Tomorrow** – Working as one unified council to shape long-term solutions with county-wide impact.

BEST NC REPORTS

- [Teacher Pay in North Carolina: A Smart Investment in Student Achievement](#)
- [Facts and Figures on Education in North Carolina](#)

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT



Dr. Jamie Smith is our District Beginning Teacher Coordinator and is available for real-time BT support. Reach out to her by phone 910-721-8694 or email jnsmith@bcswan.net.

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

What is it?

- North Carolina's vision to ensure student success and workforce readiness
- [Video Link](#) and [Website](#)

How do we implement POG skills in the classroom?

- These are all skills we want our kids to have and we're often already including these skills, either directly through instruction or through modeling of our own behavior. Athletics, academics, clubs, and other social opportunities are also vehicles to transport these skills. Implementing POG means to infuse these skills in the learning experiences we're creating with intention.

Durable Skills

- Adaptability
- Communication
- Empathy
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Learner's Mindset
- Personal Responsibility

Helpful Links

- [DPI POG Toolkit](#)
- [Rubrics Webinar](#)

ONE GOOD THING

As the air turns crisp and routines fall into place, October invites us to pause and notice the good around us. It might be the steady progress of a student finding their stride, the teamwork that makes a project shine, or the simple joy of laughter in the hallway. Just like the colors of fall, those everyday moments remind us that beauty is found in change, growth, and the season we're in.

NATIONAL BOARD RESOURCES

- [About National Board Certification](#)
- National Board [Homeroom](#) Resource
- [Support from UNC-Wilmington](#)
- [NC Pay Schedule for National Board Certified Teachers](#)



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Positive things happening across the county!

Southport Elementary School is celebrating a 50th birthday this year

VWES is breaking records this year! 5th Grade Science EOGs - proficiency increased by 22%. Rays up!!

TCMS just celebrated with KONA ice for less discipline referrals in the 1st month than last year and more than 20 students tested out of the MAP testing for Math180.

SBMS met growth this year for the first time since 2019!

Yondr pouches increasing student engagement, negative in classroom behaviors appear down, teaching as a profession and child development field trips

Employees being offered the option to work remotely for inclement weather. Communication regarding schools being closed 9/29/2025 for students was called in advance, which gave everyone time to prepare, as well as eliminate staff being stranded on work like last year.

Recognition of student success and activities has increased

Union Elementary had a food drive last week and collected 1,484 lbs. of food for the food pantry. This will be shared with families in the community as needed.

JMMES Met Growth for the 2024-2025 school year!

Belville is starting the house system this month.

Union Elementary has exceeded growth each year since 2013 (2 year covid break)



OCTOBER TAC MEETING

The first meeting on October 2nd was a strong success, with outstanding participation from our Teachers of the Year, the BCS cabinet, and school board members. Together, we launched the work of TAC for 2025-2026 with energy and purpose, united in our mission to elevate education in Brunswick County.

A special thanks to Chef Pierri and her Culinary students at The COAST for the delicious charcuterie board!

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