



# District Highlights & Instructional Focus

## Halifax County Schools

Charting A New Course To Student Achievement

# NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY

DECEMBER 2ND



**International**

*Volunteer Day!*



# Congratulations

NCDPI 2024 Summer Nutrition Programs  
**USDA “Turnip the Beet” Award**





**#HalifaxRise** Driver's Education





# #HalifaxRise Hawk Day





# #HalifaxRise College Fair





# #HalifaxRise Mock Interviews





# December Instructional Focus





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Mid Year  
Progress Reports



Collaborative Classroom  
Techniques



Higher Order Questioning



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Mid Year Progress Reports

What are the trends?

**Aligning mid-year progress reports with attendance, academics, and discipline can provide a holistic view of student performance and help identify areas for improvement**

Potential vs. Past Academic Performance

**Examining trends in MClass, Workkeys, ACT, ExactPath, & Mastery Connect data**  
*What would it take for our elementary, middle, and high schools to earn a letter grade of "C" or better and our early college to maintain a letter grade of "A"?*



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## Collaborative Classroom Techniques

What is Collaborative Teaching?

Encourages teamwork, resource sharing, and leveraging different expertise.

What are the benefits?

Improves student outcomes, fosters inclusive classrooms, and supports professional growth.



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Higher Order Questioning

What is High  
Order  
Questioning?



Higher-order questions enhance Critical Thinking by encouraging students to go beyond memorization and recall, increase engagement and raise the level of rigor to meet higher academic standards

What does it  
look like?



Higher-order questioning involves asking questions that require students to Analyze, Synthesis & Evaluate



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