



Why Choose WAAS?

Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences offers a challenging and nurturing environment for academically gifted and highly motivated learners in grades 4-8. Located on Myrtle Grove Road, we are the only middle school in the area whose main focus is the acceleration and enrichment of gifted and academically motivated students. The goal of our faculty and parents is to fully equip students to excel in high school, college and life.

At WAAS, unique opportunities to learn are provided as we extend the Common Core State Standards and maintain a low student/teacher ratio. Our highly qualified teachers use research based teaching practices and current technology to enhance instruction. When students complete 8th grade at WAAS, they confidently enter high school with the skills necessary to thrive in today's competitive society.

- Integrated and Cross Curriculum Thinking, Public Speaking, Reading, Writing and Research Skills
- Common Core Pre Algebra, Math 1 and Math 2 (Algebra and Geometry)
- Rotation of Science Courses (frequent labs)
- Rotation of Social Studies Curriculum
- High School Credit
- Integrated and Thematic Units
- Cross Curriculum Critical Thinking Skills
- Writing Competitions/Published Writing/Public Speaking Contests
- Instructional Field Trips (Day and Overnight)
- Spanish (three days a week)
- Duke TIP
- Art and Music Explorations
- Parent Seminars
- Science Olympiad (Elementary School and Middle School Varsity/Junior Varsity)
- MathCounts and AMC8 Competition
- National History Day Competition
- Student Leadership Association
- Yearbook
- Community Service Opportunities
- Organizational Skills and Support

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Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences

Mission

To provide educational opportunities designed to foster self-direction, personal responsibility and life-long learning.

Philosophy

The Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences (WAAS) was founded in 1997 by a group of teachers and parents to provide a high-quality middle alternative to the community. WAAS is a nondenominational and non-profit school.

The primary goal of WAAS, in partnership with supportive families, is to offer a challenging academic curriculum in a safe, nurturing environment free of disruptions. Each member of the WAAS faculty has high expectations for the academic and social success of all students and strives to develop students into great learners and great people.

All WAAS students are active participants in the learning process, which involves a strong focus on internal motivation, self-discipline and personal responsibility.



What Makes WAAS a Different Middle School?

The middle school concept takes into consideration the unique academic, social and physical developmental stages of the students. Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences is committed to the following middle school components in order to better meet the needs of the middle school students:

- **Flexible Scheduling** – Although the day may be divided into periods, teachers are allowed freedom to change their schedule as lessons demand.
- **Guided Study** – This serves as a support system where a teacher (Guided Study Teacher) is responsible for the guidance of each child. The Guided Study Teacher oversees the work habits of the assigned students and provides them with opportunities and an environment to receive instructional support and develop good study habits.
- **Choices** – Students are allowed to make some individual learning choices in areas of study and exploration.
- **Social Activities** – Cooperative, collaborative, integrated and noncompetitive components are embedded in the curriculum. Since there is such a huge diversity in physical development, differences are downplayed and involvement is encouraged.