Murray High School
Home of the Dragons

Success for All

Murray High School facilitates intensive, experiential learning opportunities to provide academic and personal success for students who are at-risk to drop-out or graduate below potential. In our caring community, quality learning takes place in a safe, respectful, non-coercive environment that meets the needs of diverse learners. Students may apply to attend Murray from any area of Albemarle County.

School Highlights

Murray High School takes great pride in its status as a Glasser Quality School. Quality Schools are built around William Glasser’s “Choice Theory” which builds upon seven caring habits while working to minimize seven deadly habits. Through this model, students at Murray get to build upon their character as well as their academics.

A key highlight of a student’s experience at Murray is their integration into the community culture. Students choose to come to Murray, and upon their arrival they begin to build strong, caring relationships with all of their teachers. Any social issues are resolved through teacher or student led mediation in which students develop their skills at resolving problems they may encounter at school.

All students are expected to be successful at Murray. Clear evidence of this philosophy can be seen through the mastery learning model that the school has in place. If a student has any type of academic struggles, the school community works to find a way to allow that student to become successful. Students are held to high levels of accountability, and no one is allowed to choose not to be actively engaged in their academic success.

This year Murray is implementing a combined English and Government class for twelfth grade students that is modeled after the college experience. Students physically attend class on Mondays and Fridays, then work independently in a location of their choice Tuesdays- Thursdays. This model works to help students take ownership of their educational experience while building the skills they will need to be successful in the world after high school.

Facility Information

- Built in 1959
- 29,415 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation—2005