Expanding Opportunities for All

Walton Middle School is providing students from all of its diverse Southern Albemarle communities with an innovative, world-class education that expands opportunity for all.

School Highlights

One of the highlights of the student experience at Walton Middle School is the school’s focus on opening a world of exploration to kids so that they may find and develop their passions. This is put into practice at the school in many ways including the Walton Global Virtual Classroom. In the GVC, Walton students plan and produce projects with students across the globe. In the past, students have won gold, silver, and bronze awards for their work in the GVC international competition. GVC has become a Walton tradition and the school continues to work to build upon this success for coming years.

All students are encouraged to pursue interests beyond the world of core academics. This is highlighted in the robust elective program that is offered to all students at Walton. The Career and Technical Education program at the school provides a wide range of opportunities based on student interest and modern technology to include such areas as wood shop, entrepreneurship and programming—often times mixing all of those diverse topics together in a single project. Students also pursue their interests through a world languages program, an award-winning band and orchestra, drama classes and many other fine arts opportunities.

An area of instructional focus for the school this year and into the future will be providing students with “p-based” learning opportunities. These experiences could be project, passion, or problem-based learning opportunities that are rooted in solving authentic problems. An example of this work in the 2016-2017 school year includes all seventh grade science students partnering with a local composting company to conduct hands-on experiments and build an on-site composting system.

Walton builds a strong community in many ways. The school follows the practices of Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS) which teaches children how to be safe, responsible, respectful learners while developing the whole child into conscientious global citizens.

Facility Information
- Built in 1974
- 98,340 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation—none