



# Dare County Alternative School

To our Parents and Community Members:

Our students come to us for a variety of reasons, the least being discipline-related. We tailor our instruction to each individual student's needs and goals for the future. Our staff of professional educators create a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) for each student. The PLP is designed to afford students a menu of options including returning to their regular school, graduation from the Dare County Alternative School, preparing them for the world of work, and/or continuing their education beyond high school.

Here at DCAS, we offer a blended-learning educational experience combining direct teacher instruction, computer-based on-line learning, goal-setting/team-building activities, community service, and service learning projects. We are a technology-based, wireless learning environment providing our students with iPads, SmartBoards, Netbooks, eBooks, and classroom sound fields.

We view our school as a "a school of alternatives" where we strive every day to meet the individual needs of every one of our students. If you wish to be involved in our school, please feel free to email, call, or come by the Dare County Alternative School. *We Dare!*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steve Basnight'.

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Total DCAS students: 34 EC: 8.57% Class of 2011: 8



# DCAS

**ABCs Accountability Outcomes**

*Expected Growth*

**Met all targets under AYP**

**Mission Statement:**

We are committed to doing “Whatever It Takes” to offer each student the opportunity to succeed at the highest achievable level through individualized, specific, and differentiated learning plans. We Dare!

**Vision Statement:**

We dare to challenge students to far exceed their highest aspirations for success. “Failure Is Not An Option!”

**ABCs Local Option School Improvement Goals:**

**Higher Expectations for Student Achievement**

Goal: The percentage of students enrolled in higher learning courses such as Geometry, Algebra 2 or higher will increase to 12% (from 7%).

**Parent Involvement**

Goal: The percentage of parents actively participating in one or more student/school activities will increase to 10% in 2011-2012 (from 5%).

**Community Involvement**

Goal: The number of students actively engaged with mentors and/or tutors will increase to 30% in 2011-2012 (from 18%).

**School Improvement Goals:**

Increase the 4-year graduation rate by 3 points and/or the 5-year graduation rate by 4 points.

Increase the average daily attendance rate by 5 points.

Increase the percent of classes passed by 3 points.

Increase the percent of students proficient in Reading and Math by 10 points.

Make AYP and high growth.

**2010-2011 Accomplishment Highlights:**

- Eight DCAS students earned a high school diploma in 2010-2011.
- DCAS received a 2011 Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service sponsored by the Office of the Governor.
- Ninety-seven percent (97%) of DCAS students participated in community service projects.
- DCAS was awarded a School Improvement Grant valued at more than \$550,000 over three years.