



# First Flight Middle School

## Principal's Message

Welcome to First Flight Middle School!

The faculty and staff of First Flight Middle School are committed to excellence for all students. We strive to prepare our students to excel in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by providing for their physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs. We embrace the unique characteristics associated with middle school students and offer a high interest curriculum with high expectations for our students.

At First Flight Middle School we understand the importance of effectively using the resources provided for educating our students. Finally, we appreciate that parent and community involvement are paramount in developing the whole child.

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Total FFMS students: 641 EC: 8% AIG: 22%



Dare County Schools

FFMS

**ABCs Accountability Outcomes**

*School of Distinction*

*High Growth*

**Met all targets under AYP**

### **School Improvement Goals:**

- Enhance the ability of underachieving students to become intrinsically motivated and perform to their potential.
- Academic excellence for all students - To close achievement gaps and foster equity for all student groups identified in the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act.
- High student performance and achievement on North Carolina reading and writing, math, and science EOGs.

### **2010-2011 Accomplishment Highlights:**

- FFMS has an ongoing partnership with the Friends of the Refuge, resulting in educational opportunities for students.
- FFMS partners with NC Coastal Federation to involve students in experiential science including an on-site rain garden, and off-campus field activities such as bagging oyster shells, planting marsh grass, and monitoring water quality in the Living Shoreline Restoration Project at Jockey's Ridge State Park.
- Seventy-nine FFMS eighth grade AVID students and members of the National Junior Honor Society traveled to tour Washington, DC.
- Faculty members were awarded three grants from Dare Education Foundation to enhance students' 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.
- An FFM Odyssey of the Mind Team won first place at the state level and represented Dare County at the 2011 OM World Competition.
- An FFMS seventh grader was recognized for her high score on the SAT in the DUKE TIP (Talent Identification Program).
- An FFMS eighth grader's score on the state Geobee was in the top 100 in North Carolina.