# **Our Mission**

The entire staff at Wahl-Coates Elementary School shall provide a physically and intellectually safe learning environment with high expectations for all students. Students will be expected to achieve mastery of essential skills of a quality education in order to become successful, productive and wellinformed global citizens.



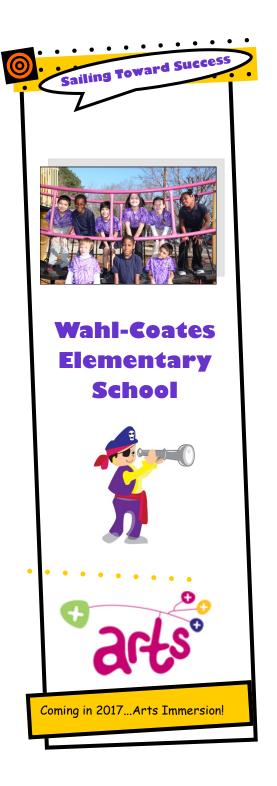




Celebrating Every Child, Challenging Every Learner



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# About Our School

#### Our Vision

At Wahl-Coates Elementary School, we are guiding our students to prepare themselves to be safe and responsible. Increasing pride through respect of self and others by always being honest

and doing their best. Together, helping everyone to sail toward



high achievement.

#### How We Do It

We boast a group of highly-qualified, veteran teachers. Students at Wahl-Coates compete daily to see who can make the best choices and exhibit positive behavior while learning. This competition is enhanced by a school-wide flagship initiative in which students earn points for one of four flagships through positive behavior. Winners are declared at the end of each marking period.

### **Arts Education**

In 2017, Wahl-Coates will transition to an Arts Immersion school. As an

Arts Immersion school, the arts will be fundamental to teaching and learning in all subjects. We will teach the state's mandated curriculum in a collaborative, multidisciplined approach, with the arts continu-



ously woven into every aspect of a child's learning. Through partnerships with East Carolina University, the arts focus at Wahl-Coates will include general music and choral music, drama, dance, and the visual arts. Additionally, students will enjoy hands-on experimental learning and arts-related field trips and guest presenters.

We will also continue to offer the popular Pirates in Action Academy to

help students in the academic middle become more successful. As part of this academy, students participate in the afterschool program by taking up to six different course offerings.

## Why the Arts?

Research shows the arts have positive effects on schools by providing:

- Engaging instructional strategies
- ♦ Better attendance
- ♦ Fewer disciplinary problems
- ♦ Growth in achievement measures
- A creative school culture with shared leadership and community engagement.

