

## ***Talking Points for Crossroads FLEX***

### **What students will Crossroads FLEX serve?**

Crossroads FLEX will serve high school students whose outside interests and activities require considerable amounts of time during regular school hours. This could include someone attending a ballet conservatory, for example, or training for highly competitive athletic events. Other obligations, such as work schedules or family commitments, could qualify a student for Crossroads FLEX.

Crossroads FLEX also will serve students who may need a schedule not offered at a regular, comprehensive high school.

### **What makes Crossroads FLEX different from traditional schools?**

By virtue of its name, the school will offer flexibility in scheduling, along with a reasonable mixture of facilitated and online learning opportunities. It will be open at hours that allow students to take early morning as well as early evening classes.

This will be the first WCPSS high school that provides one-to-one student to computer/device access.

### **How will attendance be counted if students come and go at different times?**

There will be a minimum number of hours students will be required to spend in class, as well as a minimum number of hours students must be logged in to online or virtual classes.

### **What types of faculty positions will there be?**

The Crossroads FLEX faculty initially will comprise a principal, three teachers and a guidance counselor, along with teachers from the North Carolina Virtual Public School. There also will be clerical staff on site.

### **What types of classes will be offered?**

In addition to the 22 core classes required for graduation, there will be a variety of electives offered.

### **On what school calendar will Crossroads FLEX operate?**

For the 2016-2017 school year, the new school will operate on the traditional calendar. (First day of school will be Aug. 29, 2016.) As the structure of the new school evolves, we might look at other options for future years.

### **What grades will the school serve? How many students?**

The school will be open to 9th- through 12th-graders and will serve up to 100 students the first year. This number will eventually grow to approximately 150 students, which is the school's current capacity.

### **Will students acquire enough credits to qualify for college? Will they be prepared well enough to apply to any college/university they wish, including Ivy League and the like?**

School counselors will ensure that Crossroads FLEX students will have access to the most rigorous coursework as appropriate for individual students so that they will be College and Career Ready.

**What are the characteristics of a Crossroads FLEX student? What are the expectations?**

A Crossroads FLEX student should:

- Be self-motivated
- Be self-directed
- Be independent
- Be able to manage their time well
- Be digitally literate
- Desire a non-traditional pathway to graduation
- Possess strong communication skills
- Be organized

**What is the application process?**

Applications will be available online April 11 - 29, 2016. Applications will be evaluated on report card grades, transcript grades, standardized test scores, written references and an essay, among other considerations.

**Will transportation be provided?**

Students will be responsible for their own transportation-

**What about meals?**

WCPSS Child Nutrition Services is developing a plan to have meals available for students who are attending Crossroads FLEX. Students would be responsible for paying for their meals as they would at a traditional school, whether it be full payment or students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

**What about extracurricular opportunities?**

Due to the flexible scheduling at Crossroads FLEX, students will not have access to WCPSS extracurricular activities.

**Who can we contact for additional information on Crossroads FLEX?**

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