



Academic Collaboration Engagement (ACE) Time

Academic Collaboration and Enrichment (ACE) time is a daily half hour school-wide time for students to receive targeted instruction in areas that meet each student's particular needs. Every classroom is assigned a third adult who serves as an additional person to support students during this time. This all-hands-on-deck approach assigns those staff members who are not in a classroom of their own to one particular room in the school every day during ACE block for the school year. For example, the literacy specialist would be assigned to support one classroom and the PE coach would also be assigned to support a different classroom.

During ACE time, every classroom looks different because each teacher plans his/her ACE time to meet the needs of the students in that room. For example, some students may be pulled by a teacher to receive small group intervention to support a particular area in the curriculum in which they struggle. Other students may engage in enrichment activities and opportunities to help push them in a direction of interest and continue to help them grow and thrive. These enrichment activities can include a subject area or an art form. Some students may be logged into the school's reading or math computer programs that are differentiated for each student based on his/her current level of performance according to benchmark assessments. Additionally, students may be working on practice activities that reinforce concepts taught during whole group instruction during the school day. Grouping for ACE time is flexible, resulting in students engaging in different types of activities across the course of the year based on the units of study and the academic needs of each child.