



American Renaissance School

RAISE

SO THEY CAN SOAR

Capital Campaign



AMERICAN RENAISSANCE SCHOOL'S RICH HISTORY

The American Renaissance School is visual proof that schools and our children are the heart and soul of a community. We are a proud partner of Downtown Statesville businesses, and on any given school day, you will see our students and faculty breathing life into Downtown Statesville.

We have been educating children in grades K-8 for 25 years and are focused on a diverse student body of 825 with a student/staff ratio of eight to one. We are proud that our diversity reflects the demographics of Downtown Statesville. As a tuition-free public charter school, we offer non-traditional educational opportunities.

Collaboration and communication are key to our mission. We want our students to rise to their full academic potential, with respect, integrity, openness, honesty and fairness.

Our students study at the downtown public library, participate in service projects involving downtown businesses, such as trail maintenance with the Iredell County Parks and Recreation Department; and are mentored by downtown employees, such as Iredell County Sheriff's Department deputies who volunteer to read to our kindergarteners. We partner with Theater Statesville, offering rehearsal space, and our students' artwork is regularly displayed in a downtown restaurant. Our school brings 500 additional vehicles into Downtown Statesville twice every school day for delivery and pick-up of students. These visitors shop and eat downtown and participate in community activities that they learn about through this visibility. We serve families within a 60-mile radius of Downtown Statesville.

The cornerstones of an ARS education are Academic Excellence, Respect, Safety, Integrity, and Support.

All admissions are by lottery.



OUR PRIORITIES

- Academics
- Financial Health & Stability Communication
- Quality Personnel
- Parental and Community Involvement
- Nurturing Environment
- Safe School Guidelines Extra-curricular Opportunities

We focus on the WHOLE child. In grades K-8 we use Illustrative Mathematics, EL Education, Tools4NC teachers and Heggerty Words in K-2. To address our Social Emotional Learning, students receive weekly lessons using Second Step.

To support instruction, we offer many supplemental learning tools such as Freckle, MAP Accelerator, STAR, Accelerated Reader, Raz Kids, Learning A to Z and Discovery ED for Science (4th & 5th Grades). All students at ARS will have Art, Music, Spanish, PE and K-5 Theater.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR

With 24 years of service at the school, including seven as Executive Director, Jim Duffey has been an integral part of the school's growth. His educational journey, which started at Miami University and Gardner Webb University, took him from teaching on the Navajo Indian Reservation to leading wilderness trips with his company, American EdVentures Corp.

Duffey's work in diversifying ARS, aided by an NC ACCESS grant, has led to greater inclusivity, serving more economically disadvantaged students and those not previously considering charter schools. This earned him the title of a 2021 NC ACCESS Fellow.

Since 2019, under Duffey's leadership, ARS's student population has grown from 591 to 820, aiming for 900 in two years. He has spearheaded the opening of a new STEM/ Arts building, an intermediate school building, and fostered community partnerships as a member of the Statesville Downtown Development Corp. board.





CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our 2024 Capital Campaign is a pivotal initiative that will provide necessary funds to retire the debt of our gym and activity center, as well as the Center Street intermediate school building. This campaign is not just about meeting financial obligations; it's an investment in our students' future and the continued growth of our educational community.

The funds raised during this campaign will be allocated towards much-needed updates and improvements to our elementary and intermediate schools. These updates are crucial to ensure that our facilities match the high standard of education we provide, offering our students an environment conducive to learning and growth.

One of the most exciting aspects of this campaign is the fund allocation towards the new STEM and Arts Center. This center will be housed in the historic Statesville Record and Landmark building on Broad Street. The renovation of this iconic building into a dedicated educational space represents our commitment to providing cutting-edge opportunities for our students.

Once renovated, the building will become a hub for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classes, as well as a vibrant venue for the arts including chorus, band, drama, and art. This center is designed to meet both current and future educational needs, reflecting our ongoing focus on individual student growth and the demands of our steadily increasing student population.

But our vision does not stop here. We are already looking ahead and planning for a future Phase 2 Capital Campaign. This upcoming campaign will focus on establishing a new elementary school building, further expanding our capacity to deliver quality, comprehensive education.

By supporting these campaigns, you're not just contributing to a cause; you're investing in our students, our community, and the future of education. Your support helps us create an environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.





LEVELS OF GIVING

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Gryphon Legacy	\$25,000-\$49,999
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Gryphon Blue and Orange	\$5,000-\$9,999
Gryphon Partner	\$1,000-\$4,999
Gryphon Family	\$250-\$999
Gryphon Alumni	\$100-\$249
Gryphon Friend	\$25-\$99

Graduating classes of American Renaissance School are encouraged to pool funding to make the most impact, giving gifts in honor of their graduating class.

Extended families/siblings who graduated from American Renaissance School are encouraged to pool each family's gifts for the most impact, giving gifts in memory or in honor of entire family units.

Individuals or groups are encouraged to give in memory or in honor of former teachers and/or administrators of American Renaissance School.

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$4.4 million dollars



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Our mission is to ensure a standard of academic excellence by providing a nurturing environment that allows each child to reach their fullest potential as students and citizens.

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