



More Than a School

2024 - 2025 Annual Report

Focus Learning Academy
of Northern Columbus



ABOUT US

Education encompasses so much more than a classroom. That's why, at Focus Learning Academy of Northern we use a holistic approach that engages the child, their family, and their greater community. We believe that the most successful students are those that feel, not only accepted, but embraced.

A significant majority of our K-8 students hail from immigrant and refugee communities, which is why we take special care to create custom programming that caters to their needs. We specialize in translating American life in a way that is welcoming; in doing so, we teach these students how to thrive in a culture that was previously foreign. Moreover, we don't only focus on the student. We also provide resources and seminars for their families.

Focus is more than a network of passionate educators. Our core mission is to ensure that children and their parents have a sense of belonging in this school and the community that surrounds them.

We're a place to call home.

We provide services that are beyond children coming to school, picking up a book and a pencil, writing things down, and then going home to do their homework. We invest in community outreach and research to provide the best possible foundation for these students and their families.

– Abdirizak Farah
Founder of Focus



Our values

Our values shine through every action we take as a school. We believe that, in order to instill strong values in our students, we must live by example.

1 Stand up & own it

We encourage each student, educator, and staff member to make a positive difference every day. That means acting with intention and taking ownership over our responsibilities and work.



Outcome: We can count on each other, and our students can count on us.



2

Power of the team

We embrace a community-oriented mentality, which means that we take the time to care, listen and communicate. We know that when we ask for help and provide help that we make each other better.



Outcome: Our environment is a great place to work and a great place to learn.

3

Passion for growth

We foster each **Student's** curiosity and intrinsic desire to learn. That type of growth demands rigorous focus and flexibility. You can't learn new things without a willingness to leave your comfort zone.



Outcome: Every student leaves equipped with the tools to tackle tomorrow's challenges.

by the numbers

2023-24 STUDENT PERFORMANCE

FLANC

received



for gap
closing



North Early Value Added

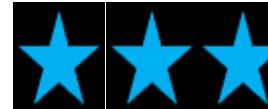


North Early Literacy

The progress component looks closely at the growth that all students are making based on their past performances.

FLANC
received

Overall Rating



1/2



5/5

review
on greatschools.org



GREAT SCHOOL!

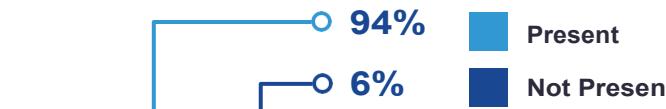
The teachers at Focus are VERY caring. They really care for the students and are very motivational. The school itself stays very clean and it's in a good area. The school also provides a guidance counselor that will help you with whatever you need.



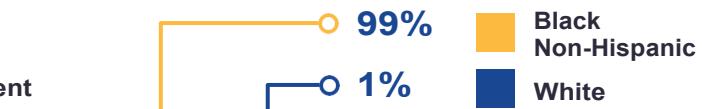
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Total
students

North Breakdown by grade

22 Kindergarten	93 3rd Grade	71 6th Grade
121 1st Grade	92 4th Grade	86 7th Grade
87 2nd Grade	72 5th Grade	76 8th Grade



Daily
average
attendance



Ethnicity
Breakdown

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS:

INSIDE & OUTSIDE The classroom

iReady (Reading & Math)

Supports a balanced-ongrade level and differentiated instruction aligned with students' needs to effectively demonstrate skills and standards mastery through academic rigor.

Wonders Literacy Program

Comprehensive K-6 literacy program to expose students to a diverse collection of informational texts and collect valuable data to generate insights on how best to serve each child.

ZEARN Math

Zearn Math is a transformative math program rooted in personalized digital instruction and small group sessions. It allows students the freedom to learn at their own pace, and it helps teachers give students individualized attention.

S.T.E.A.M.

Science, technology, engineering, art, and math are all essential elements of each child's education. We diffuse these core subjects in every child's program.

Arabic Language Instruction

We teach our students how to read, write, and comprehend Arabic. This language holds religious and cultural meaning, as well as tremendous value for their academic future.

English as a Second Language

We cater to **our** large population of non-native speakers, which is why our ESL program is designed to help these students reach academic language proficiency. In other words, we go a step beyond simple communication; we help students learn complex academic material in English.

In addition to our robust curriculum, we also have a diverse array of free programs for our students and their families such as tutoring for students, seminars for parents, educational boot camps, and community events.





JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

Focus was founded to combat the unique challenges faced by our immigrant and refugee communities in Columbus. Not only do we achieve remarkable strides within our community, but we also stand out against other charter and public schools in the district for our remarkable academic performance.

We're proud to be a **"High Performing Community School,"** which means that we are among the top schools in the state for student progress. Each student experiences a tremendous amount of growth over the course of the school year. Our unique combination of values, courses, and programming provides one of the best opportunities for students to achieve success in Ohio.

This is an empathetic and compassionate community of avid learners. We believe that we are made better by embracing the ways in which we are different. If this sounds like the right community for you and your child, then reach out. We'd love to welcome you into our community.



Let's chat

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