



**MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDERS:**

Having taught and lived in the Vance County community for over a decade, we know how important a fulfilling educational experience is to the families we serve. We created Henderson Collegiate to provide an environment that supports the academic and personal development students need in order to be successful now, in high school, in college, and in life.

Given that this brochure offers just a snapshot of our educational plan, we encourage you to spend time continuing your research by visiting our website. Additionally, supporters, potential students and parents, and applicants can contact the school via e- mail or phone by using the information on the back.

Thank you for your interest in Henderson Collegiate and we hope you join the Pride as we climb the mountain to college.

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**CONTRIBUTE TO THE MISSION:**

Henderson Collegiate does not receive public funding for transportation or facility costs. If you would like to support our mission of providing an excellent education to all of Vance County's children, please consider making a donation of materials, services, or funds.

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# HENDERSON COLLEGIATE

**PRIDE, RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY,  
DETERMINATION, ENTHUSIASM**



**If there is a problem, we look for a solution.  
If there is a better way, we try to find it.  
If a teammate needs help, we give it.  
If we need help, we ask.**

# Henderson Collegiate



## MISSION:

The mission of Henderson Collegiate is to empower students with the character traits, academic skills, social experiences, and love of learning necessary for them to shape their own destinies, attend the college of their choice, and become world-changing problem solvers.

## FOUR FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS:

- 1) Henderson Collegiate is a **FREE** public school that is open to **all children**.
- 2) Henderson Collegiate will focus our outreach and awareness campaign on students from **low-income families**.
- 3) Henderson Collegiate will provide **transportation** and **food** services.
- 4) All of Henderson Collegiate's students will be accepted to a 4-year **college** or **university**.

## CORE VALUES:

- 1) **Pride.** Acknowledging that we are all responsible for the success of our students, Henderson Collegiate builds partnerships with the local community to create an inviting and accessible environment, to foster parental involvement, and to inspire service beyond the boundaries of the school. The school builds a sense of family and of teamwork among students, encouraging everyone to both get and give help.
- 2) **Responsibility.** Appreciating that "we are what we repeatedly do," Henderson Collegiate assists students in cultivating meticulous work habits and guides them in enhancing their self-responsibility and owning their learning. Henderson Collegiate scaffolds to make students more independent as they prepare for college and life beyond.
- 3) **Integrity.** Knowing that character is more important than any test score, Henderson Collegiate explicitly teaches and develops decision-making and social skills through diverse, interactive experiences.
- 4) **Determination.** Understanding that our students are able to achieve and compete with their peers from top-performing schools, Henderson Collegiate staff members collaborate with families to go above and beyond in building students' knowledge and grit. The school empowers its students so they are all able to climb the mountain to college.
- 5) **Enthusiasm.** By choosing to be part of Henderson Collegiate, students, parents, and staff willfully and joyfully choose to commit to the time, teamwork, and relentless effort necessary to fulfill our mission. The school instills students with a passion for learning, believing that they learn not for school, but for life.

## INNOVATIVE APPROACH:

In an effort to reach all children, Henderson Collegiate will model itself after the Knowledge is Power Program, better known as KIPP. The model includes:

- **High Expectations.** Understanding that our students can compete with their peers from the most affluent cities around the nation, each child will be pushed to reach their potential. Teachers will provide extra help and remediation and students will complete homework in every subject on a nightly basis.
- **More Learning Time.** Students will attend school from 7:40-4:15 Monday - Thursday and 7:50-2:00 on Friday. They will also attend school from 7:40-2:00 for 2 1/2 weeks during the summer.
- **Emphasis on Culture.** The staff and students of Henderson Collegiate sweat the small stuff. We believe everything we do is an expression of who we are and therefore excellence can only be achieved through the development of strong habits.
- **College Preparatory Curriculum.** Henderson Collegiate uses a dual curriculum to assist students that need extra remediation as well as those that need to be challenged. By the time our students graduate from 8th grade, all of them will have taken 2 high school courses (Algebra 1 and Spanish 1), visited at least 8 colleges or universities, and completed 5 community service projects.