

# NCCA Student Services Division

September Family Updates from SST, EC, AIG & ML Departments

## **Student Services Division**

The North Carolina Cyber Academy's Student Services Division is dedicated to ensuring that every student is provided with the support, services, & resources needed in order for them to experience growth & success. Our division seeks to provide both equitable & engaging learning opportunities that will support and enhance the development of student's mental, emotional & social wellbeing.

There are 4 different departments that make up our division: Student Support Team (SST), Exceptional Children (EC), Academically & Intellectually Gifted (AIG), & Multi-Language Learners (ML). Our division plans to provide regular communication to our NCCA families throughout the year. We hope that NCCA families will find our newsletters informative and a valued resource that can be used throughout the school year. Feel free to contact your child's school and/or division leaders for any additional questions, comments, or concerns.

## **Exceptional Children's Department- Dr. Crystal Vail, EC Director**

I am excited to begin my fourth year at NCCA. Our school is dedicated to serving students with disabilities and providing specially designed instruction that is individualized to meet each student's needs as outlined in their IEP (Individual Education Plan). If you have any questions about services or individual students, please reach out to your child's EC Case Manager or contact the grade level EC Coordinator.

### EC Compliance Coordinators and Instructional Coach

- K - 5 Kristy Collins (984) 208 - 6496
- 6 - 8 Ashley Garren (984) 208 - 6459
- 9 - 12 Suzanne Register (984) 208 - 6626
- K - 12 April Clinard (984) 208 - 6457

As a school, we want to focus on continuous improvement to the IEP process in accordance with

federal and state guidelines. The EC Department will be working with an EC Educational Consultant, Carolyn McMath, to provide feedback and advanced training with ECATS, transition and eligibility processes. Ms. McMath has served as an EC Teacher, EC Diagnostician and Compliance Officer in NC for over 30 years. Following her retirement from NC schools, she has worked with 10 local charter schools to assist with both instruction and compliance in meeting NC federal and state guidelines.

Ms. McMath will periodically attend IEP meetings as an observer to provide feedback to our EC Staff to ensure we are working to best meet the needs of your child.

Please feel free to contact your child's case manager if you prefer for Ms. McMath not to observe in your child's IEP meeting.

We look forward to working with you and your child in partnership to meet their unique and individual needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the grade level coordinator or myself whenever you have questions or concerns that need to be addressed. We are so happy you have joined NCCA for the 2022-23 school year!

Dr. Crystal Vail  
Director of Exceptional Children's Programs  
North Carolina Cyber Academy  
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## **Academically & Intellectually Gifted Department- Ms. Amanda Sieg, AIG District Coordinator**

I am excited to serve as the AIG Coordinator for NCCA. As the AIG Coordinator, I have several roles within the district. I will be supporting teachers, serving AIG students and I will be providing Enrichment for different groups of students (K-8) throughout the year.

In an effort to reach various levels of learning, differentiation will be a key part of your student's education. Differentiated Instruction is an approach that is used by teachers to adjust their curriculum and instruction to maximize the learning of all students. Differentiation allows us to meet your students at their learning level.

Check out the links below to discover Virtual Enrichment Rooms, and if you're interested, I've included a link to the NC Association for Gifted website.

### **K-2 Enrichment Links**

[Renew The Zoo](#)

[Logic for Littles Part 1](#)

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## Virtual Enrichment Room

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## NC Association for the Gifted & Talented



## Virtual Enrichment Room

6-8

# Student Support Services-Dr. Maggie Bush, Director of Student Services

The **Student Support Services** division at NCCA is designed to address the needs of the whole child and encompasses a number of areas to include:

### Specialized Instructional Support Personnel

We are very fortunate to have an experienced, dedicated team of Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP) providing a continuum of services to our entire K-12 population. Services are extensive, and include prevention, intervention, instruction, assessment, counseling, scheduling, consultation, and crisis response services.

### School Counselors

- Simone Griffin (3-5): (984) 208 - 6516
- Janice Harris (K-2): (984) 208 - 6039
- Holly Noel (6th) (984): 212 - 2168
- Amber Damiano (7th): (984) 208 - 5580
- Candi Rhinehart (8th): (984) 208 - 6682
- Tunita Hazelwood (9th): (984) 212 - 2206
- Tiffany Brown (10th): (984) 208 - 6741
- Kelly Sadler (11th): (984) 208 - 6702
- Cassie Higgs (12th): (984) 223 - 0502
- Paul Harvey (HS Lead Counselor): (984) 208 - 6653

### School Social Workers

- Taiesha Jones (K-5th): (984) 212 - 3389
- Twala Timmons (6th-8th): (984) 208 - 6703
- Whitney McDonald (9th/12th): (984) 208 - 6290
- Mackenzie Thomas (10th/11th): (984) 212 - 2906

### School Psychologists

- Katy Witter (K-6th) (984) 212 - 2348
- Andrea Gray (7-12th) (984) 212 - 2298

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. The purpose of Section 504 is to ensure that individuals with disabilities are given the same opportunity to participate in programs and activities as are their nondisabled peers. For more information about how Section 504 is implemented at NCCA, contact the district 504 Coordinator Maggie Bush at 984-208-7125 or [mbush@myncca.com](mailto:mbush@myncca.com).

### **Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**

MTSS is a framework for how all the systems in a school work together to ensure that each and every student receives a high quality educational experience. MTSS includes not only academics, but social/emotional learning, behavior, and mental health. To find out more about MTSS and your role as a parent/learning coach, please check out our [MTSS parent guide](#).

### **Military Students and Families**

North Carolina has the 3rd largest military presence in the United States and is home to over 52,000 school-age military connected students. This includes many students at NCCA! We are honored to serve the children of military service members and are committed to meeting their unique educational and social-emotional needs. As part of this commitment, we have military liaisons that serve as points of contacts for families and advocates for our military children:

- District Liaison: Maggie Bush (984) 208 - 7125
- Elementary School Liaison: Janice Harris (984) 208 - 6039
- Middle School Liaison: Twala Timmons (984) 208 - 6703
- High School Liaison: Mackenzie Thomas (984) 212 - 2906

### **McKinney-Vento**

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is designed to assist families and youth experiencing homelessness. This Act requires schools to remove barriers to enrollment, attendance, and success in school. If you feel that you or your family may qualify for McKinney-Vento services, please contact Twala Timmons at (984) 208 - 6703.

Maggie Bush, PhD

Director of Student Services

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## **Student Survey- September 30th 2022**

We value the input of our students as they are important partners in the work we are doing to improve their overall school experience and support their needs. In order to gather more information, we will be asking students in grades 3-12 to complete a brief online survey that will be sent to students on September 30th. The survey will ask students to self reflect on their own social emotional learning skills, like self-management and self-efficacy.

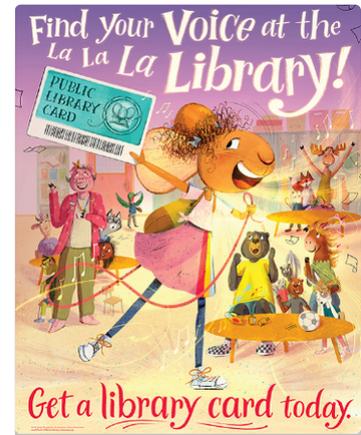
This survey is voluntary and confidential. No student is required to participate, but everyone's feedback is respected and valuable. Should you prefer your child not to participate in the completion of the upcoming student survey, please notify us by 9/28/22 by submitting this form:

<https://forms.gle/eJQg4N67BM8AErSx9>

If you have any questions about the survey administration, please contact Maggie Bush at [mbush@myncca.com](mailto:mbush@myncca.com) or 984-208-7125. For more information about the survey, please visit

## Multi Language Learners Department- Ms. Naomi Monson, ML District Coordinator

If you receive services, your ML teacher will be calling and setting up meetings to discuss your LEP plan to build success at our school. Once a meeting is set up, please accept the google invite to confirm your attendance. If something comes up, please let the teacher know as soon as possible so other arrangements can be made. Please remember that it takes effort to find time for everyone to meet, so please set aside the time so you can attend at the time the meeting was set up. Thanks for your input in your child's educational journey!



### Upcoming Field Trip

Do you have a library card? Invite your friends and family members to sign up during the month of September. Meet me at the library located at [300 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC](#). This event is specifically for students in K-8, but all are invited. Register for the event-

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/420826893567>

Can't make it to this location? Go to your local library to sign up for a card. [Click here](#) to find additional information on Library Sign Up Month.

Ms. Monson  
ESL Coordinator/Lead Teacher  
Phone # (984) 208-6591



### Upcoming District Event

## NCCA is going to the Zoo!

When

Friday, Oct. 7th, 9am

Where

4401 Zoo Parkway Asheboro, NC

More information

Come join us to celebrate the end of Quarter 1 at the NC Zoo. Meet classmates, NCCA staff and other NCCA families. [Click here](#) to register for the event and to find out any additional details.

## NCCA Parent Reps

Join parents across NC to help organize both educational and social events. We are separated into 3 regions (Western, Central & Eastern). If you are interested in helping plan events or just have some great ideas, then we would love to have you join us. [Click here to sign up for the team.](#)

We will have monthly meetings for all of our parent reps plus any other parents who would like to join. This meeting will be set up to share out events taking place throughout our regions, hear district news and also provide the district with feedback about the NCCA experience. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13 at 7pm.** Access info is as follows:

[Join Webex meeting](#)

ID: 26245781301

Password: KvekNDyG384

(US) +1 650-479-3208 (toll)

Access code: 2624 578 1301

Lastly, we have created **FACEBOOK** pages for each of the regions. Join your local area, but feel free to join as many as you like. Links to each Facebook page are below:

[Western](#)

[Central](#)

[Eastern](#)