

## UASSP Administrative Team Spotlight: North Cache Middle School

North Cache Middle School is Utah's northernmost secondary school. Richmond High School was established in 1912 and was housed in a little white brick building. It was replaced by a 3 story, red brick school in 1921 and named North Cache. Last year, our school had the opportunity to celebrate our 100th year as "North Cache" The school has gone through several grade configurations as well as three different buildings. Originally a high school; it has changed to a junior high school, middle school, freshman center, 8-9 center, and once again back to a middle school.

North Cache Middle School's mission statement expresses the value we place on our **Bulldog's BARC**:  
**Best Behavior** from all students at all times,  
**Academic Achievement**,  
**Respect & Responsibility** within the school community, and  
**Connections** between teachers, students, and parents.

### **Best Behavior:**

**Bulldog Academy:** We start the school year and each trimester with essential lessons delivered by our faculty; the presentations are focused on critical academic, social, and emotional information.

**Academic Mentor Program (AMP)** provides Tier II academic support and behavioral intervention.

**Social-Emotional lessons (SEL):** Our counseling department provides SEL lessons on a weekly basis; teachers present them as one component of our daily Advisory Period.

### **Academic Achievement:**

**Quality Tier I Instruction:** Last year, a team made up of teacher leaders and administration was formed and a four-year FOCUS Plan was developed. The *FOCUS team* is instrumental in providing the on-going professional development for faculty members as well as currently conducting a book study of Mike Schmoker's FOCUS: Elevating the Essentials furthering our commitment towards implementation of a guaranteed and viable curriculum, daily use of the elements of effective instructions, and authentic literacy in every classroom. We are continuing our efforts and honing our skills as a PLC focused school as well.

**Intervention courses** such as Sheltered Math, Sheltered Science, Supplemental Math, Team Taught Math, Team Taught ELA, Reading Extension, Study Skills, Learning Strategies (LS), ESL ELA, and ESL LS are designed to scaffold and augment student learning.

**BARC Time:** A schoolwide, dynamic intervention program was implemented a little over four years ago. Students have the opportunity for re-teaching/tutoring, skills development, to take/makeup exams/quizzes or labs, and/or complete or gain help with homework as well as a variety of extension activities such as digital homework, silent reading, open gym, curricular clubs, and curriculum extension activities are available daily. The ability to make BARC Time truly fluid was enhanced by a managerial software program we adopted two years ago which allows teachers to more easily create & populate sessions and track student attendance & progress. When not assigned by a teacher, students develop their self advocacy skills by using the program to determine which session they will attend.

**Student Assistance Team (SAT)** meets weekly to discuss and recommend Tier II and III academic, attendance, and/or behavioral interventions strategies for students demonstrating need.

**After School Program:** Offered 4 days a week. Students have a variety of academic intervention classes and enrichment choices.

**Respect & Responsibility:** Bulldog Academy, character education assemblies, Net Smart, Incentive Program, student focused PTCs, and a daily Advisory Period w/SEL lessons all add to a culture of respect & responsibility.

**Connections:** We strive to create an atmosphere of inclusivity with a variety of positive behavior reinforcers such as: Bulldog Tickets, Bulldogs of the Month recognition, student led organizations/clubs, student & teacher “Shout-Outs”, “Positive Notes” mailed home, Intramural Program during lunch breaks, monthly Parent Lunch w/Minute to Win it Activities, celebration assemblies, PTSA, SCC, and student organizations: Bulldog Leadership Team, Governor’s Youth Council, HOPE Squad, and Fuel Up To Play 60. Over the past couple of years, we’ve given the school a cosmetic face-lift with motivational door wraps, wall and window decals, and new paint using our school colors. This past summer, we added a huge, multicultural mural as well.

*We appreciate and recognize that the success our students experience at our school is an accumulative effort of all of the amazing faculty and staff members involved in our students’ lives, both past and present. Additionally, we are grateful for the parent, community, and district level support we can know we can count on.*

***North Cache***  
**A Place Where We ALL Can**  
**Be the DifferNCe!**

