# **ACADEMIC PLAN FOR 2019-2020**

### **Guiding Philosophy**

FIT Academy believes that children who are healthy, happy, and primed for learning will succeed academically. That is why we begin the journey of teaching and learning by paying attention to the whole child. Our goal is to provide a rigorous academic program supported by the healthy participation of our students in physical education and health.

#### **Academic Program**

Our educational program consists of effectively coordinating the following priorities:

- Understanding and adherence to the state academic standards
- Development of content or curriculum supporting the building of foundational knowledge
- Implementation of research proven effective instructional practices
- Regular and effective use of data to inform instruction
- Focus on a language rich environment & teaching literacy across content areas
- Effective multi-tiered system of interventions

## **Professional Development Plan**

- Professional development trainings
- Collaborative professional learning communities (PLC's)
- Peer mentoring & coaching
- Formal teacher observation & evaluation

#### **Academic Changes for 2019-20**

- Moving advanced students up to higher grades for English and math instruction only
- Addition of French as a third world language to be offered in rotation in the earlier grades and as a choice in upper grades
- Going from our current schedule to a seven class period day in the MS & HS
- Addition of a daily intervention class period for middle school students who are below grade in reading or math
- STEM offered only in grades 5-8 and integrated with science class
- Addition of a full semester of art and music in MS & HS