

Spartanburg County Alternative School (SCAS), in an effort to continue its pursuit of student recovery and remediation, has implemented several exciting new changes for the 2008-2009 academic school year. We kicked off the school year with a new reading program called SRA to diagnose reading deficiencies and improve reading ability. Preliminary results of this program have already shown a marked improvement in student reading level and MAP scores. We have also expanded one of our most successful programs, the NovaNET courseware lab, to accommodate middle school students. Academically advanced middle school students have the opportunity to take high school courses that are more suited to their individual ability. In addition, we have expanded the NovaNET program to include HSAP remediation and SAT preparation courses. Our Character Education and Community Service programs have also undergone extensive changes this year. Our new administrator, Mr. Collier, has arranged for a series of weekly workshops from March through April to be presented by local community leaders and government officials in order to enrich our students' knowledge of civic matters and hopefully make them feel more invested in our community. Our guidance department has increased its efforts to partner with local service groups such as SADAC, who meet regularly with certain student groups in order to increase drug awareness and facilitate drug abuse prevention. This year, students were allowed to simulate the effects of driving while intoxicated in a program called Fatal Vision. Our character education program, which regularly helps with the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen and Homeless Shelter, included a new service project this year; SCAS middle school students dressed as elves and read stories to younger students at a local elementary school. SCAS consistently reviews and revises its curriculum and programs each year in order to successfully remediate and recover children from our at-risk student population.



The Fatal Vision program allows students to drive Golf Carts around an obstacle course while wearing frosted goggles in order to simulate the effects of driving while intoxicated.



Students take courses online in the NovaNET lab through a computer under the guidance of certified teachers.



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