North Carolina New School's Scale-Up Proposal Abstract

**Project Title:** Early College Strategies for All

**Type of Grant:** Scale-up

**Absolute Priority:** Improving the Effectiveness of Teachers or Principals, and Serving Rural Communities

**Competitive Preference Priorities:** Enabling Broad Adoption of Effective Practices

**Project Description:**
North Carolina New Schools (NCNS) proposes to implement *Early College Strategies for All* in order to: (1) scale-up and expand North Carolina’s early college work to include one District Reach Model and six new early college schools; (2) develop seven Model Schools within N.C. that can be used as national study schools; (3) work with two additional states to build the capacity to open six early colleges based on the NCNS model; and, (4) provide state- and regional-level capacity building to two additional states to set the foundation for those states to open early colleges in the future.

**Summary of project objectives and expected outcomes:**
In order to achieve that goal for the *Early College Strategies for All* project, NCNS has identified the following measurable outcomes for the five year grant period:

- Impact approximately 13,300 students and 862 teachers, principals and district leaders;
- Increase the four-year graduation rate an average of five percentage points across the participating project schools;
- Increase enrollment in and credits earned in college courses by 10 percentage points;
- Support at least 50% of students successfully completing at least 12 units of college credit in three years;
- Increase the awareness of policy makers about the importance of expanding access to college courses for high school students. Four additional states will enact legislation and/or policy changes to expand access to college courses for high school students; and
- Ensure that each school has at least one high-quality partnership between schools, postsecondary institutions and business and industry.

**Total target number of students:** 13,300

**List of partners:** Duplin County School District, Harnett County School District, Rutherford County School District, Hertford County School District, Surry County School District, SERVE Center at UNC of Greensboro, New Carolina - South Carolina Council on Competitiveness, Mississippi Department of Public Instruction, and the Northwest Educational Council for Student Success.