STEP MODEL FOR COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Wooten Center afterschool and summer program activities are…

- **Self-Directed** – Teachers serve as facilitators, guiding, instructing and engaging students. Teachers encourage the use of computers and other technology to promote 21st century learning and independent study. Students take initiative in completing their work within deadlines, working individually or in groups.

- **Team-Oriented** – Students work in teams to complete and communicate or present their projects.

- **Experiential** – Students observe or demonstrate material learned, gaining direct, hands-on experience. Teachers encourage students to use college and career readiness skills (critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creative expression) to complete assignments at or beyond their grade levels.

- **Project-Based** – Students complete projects that are rigorous and challenging, relevant to their needs and interests and based on state content standards (though, at or beyond grade level is preferred). Questions are open-ended, allowing students some choice in deciding how to approach and solve a problem. Projects drive students to think critically and to investigate and analyze results. Results are presented through creative expression such as posters, videos, books, drama, maps, puzzles, illustrations, charts, etc.

**METHODS:**

- **Assessments** – Quarterly i-ready.com assessments in math and reading, Success Saturday
- **Homework and Studies** – homework assistance, i-Ready.com study plans, independent study
- **Drills** – times tables, grammar and other basic academic skills practice
- **Project-based Learning** (PBL) – STEM classes, labs (reading, writing, math, arts and sciences, etc.)
- **Social-Emotional Learning** (SEL) – Game Day, Family Day, parent reports, youth and family counseling
- **College/Career-prep and Extracurricular Activities** – world languages and culture, performing and visual arts, SAT-prep workshops, college tours and advisement, College and Career Day, college plans, leadership and life skills development (Youth and Junior Councils, Teen Talk, Teen Job Shop, Teen Helper internships, Junior Achievement), sports and recreation (basketball, cooking, gardening, swimming, field trips)