

Woodland Heights Elementary School

Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Community

2019-2020 and 2020-2021

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Angela Jackson - teacher

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Jennifer Rodriguez - parent

Michelle Smith - parent

Hannah Stoner - parent

Kelli Wolfe - literacy coach

Julie Brown - ex-officio

Mission Statement: The mission of Woodland Heights Elementary School, in active partnership with the community, is to provide each student with the highest quality education, which is conducive to social, physical, and intellectual growth, by providing meaningful educational experiences, a challenging curriculum, and a safe environment.

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by Woodland Heights Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina Law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

SIC Annual Goals from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Years

Goal 1: Increase parental involvement and communication between parents and the school

Several forms of communication are already in place for our parents. These include teacher newsletters each week, Friday folders, teacher webpages, school webpage, PowerSchool, Class Dojo, phone calls, and emails. Julie Brown, principal of WHES, has also established communication through biannual newsletters to parents, all call phone calls and emails through PowerSchool, and Facebook posts to keep parents informed and up to date on events taking place at the school. As we continue to use all the forms of communication above, we also strive to increase parent involvement in our Parent Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council.

Goal 2: Maintain a healthy and safe school

The community at large believes that providing a safe school and teaching students about healthy lifestyle helps children learn. We encourage our students to make healthy life choices through programs within our

school such as, the meal program, our physical education classes, our dance classes, our Farm-to-School initiative, and our continuation with the Mary Black Wellness Grant.

Goal 3: Provide families with opportunities to engage within the school environment

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this has been more difficult than in previous years. We were happy to offer a Virtual Open House at the beginning of the school year. We have conducted parent-teacher conferences with all our parents either face-to-face, virtually, or over the phone. We are also “hosting” a Families that Read Together Succeed Together event virtually. We are always willing to take suggestions and ideas for ways to provide our families with opportunities to engage within the school environment.

Test Scores

Percentage of Students Scoring “Exceeds, Meets, and Approaches” on SC Ready Testing				
Grade	ELA		Mathematics	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
3 rd	62	72	79	75
4 th	73	70	84	65
5 th	68	79	82	85

WHES at a Glance:

- 366 students
- 3 Self-Contained SpEd Classes
- Title I School
- Arts in Basic Curriculum Site
- Distinguished Arts Program
- Kennedy Center Partnership
- Healthy Initiative School
- Universal Breakfast and Lunch

Percentage of Students Scoring “Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds” on SC PASS (Science)		
Grade	2018	2019
4 th	79	54

Percentage of Students Scoring “Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds” on SC PASS (Social Studies)		
Grade	2018	2019
5 th	58	68

Innovative Practices and Programs

- Family Learning Fun Nights
- Summer ARTS Camp
- After School Advantage Program
- Parenting Programs
- Interventionists/Tutors/Assistants
- 100% Parent Conferences
- PTO/SIC/Business Partners
- Chapman Cultural Arts Partner
- CCFAC Performances/MUSE
- Terrific Kids
- Early Bird Gym/Fitness Club
- First Tee Golf/Character Program
- CATCH Health Curriculum
- Principal/Teacher Data Meetings
- HERO Helpers
- OLWEUS (anti-bullying)
- Team Challenge
- Literacy Coach/monthly PLC's
- Arts Integration/Infusion PD
- Super Citizens