



Mrs. Jacqui Witherspoon  
2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

## Shaw Heights' Annual Report

Principal.....Dr. Melissa Morris  
Assistant Principal.....Christine Carnes  
Guidance Counselor.....Katresa Charles  
Reading Coach.....Melissa Porter  
Instructional Coach.....Debra Wilkinson  
Media Specialist.....Patricia Wilcox  
Title I Coordinator.....Debra Wilkinson

### Performance Goals

As part of our ongoing process of improvement, our School Improvement Council developed three performance goals to guide future growth.

- *The percentage of our third grade students who meet or exceed expectations in English Language Arts and Math as measured by SC READY will increase in English from 41.8% in 2016 to 66.8% in 2022 and in Math from 61% in 2016 to 76% in 2022.*
- *The number of discipline referrals will decrease by 50% from 217 referrals in 2015-2016 to 109 referrals in 2021-2022.*
- *The percentage of teachers, students, and parents who indicate satisfaction with home-school relations as measured by responses on the state report card survey will increase by 10% for each group by 2022.*

The mission of Sumter School District is to equip students to be responsible, successful, and productive citizens in a global society.

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### Our Beliefs

- Children are our greatest asset.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Teamwork is necessary to achieve the goals of an organization.
- Character development is necessary for an individual to reach his or her full potential.
- Active involvement is critical to productive change.
- Each individual is responsible for his or her own actions.
- The quality of education primarily determines the quality of life in a community.
- There is a Supreme Being.
- Human beings have unlimited potential.
- We are responsible for each other.
- Every person has intrinsic worth.
- Respect and effective communication strengthen our diverse community.

# Shaw Heights' Annual Report to the Public 2016-2017



Shaw Heights Elementary School  
Title I School

The mission of  
Shaw Heights Elementary School  
is  
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## School Improvement Council

Jacqui Witherspoon.....President SIC  
Dr. Melissa Morris.....Principal  
Christine Carnes.....Assistant Principal  
Katresa Charles.....Staff  
Melissa Porter.....Staff  
Debra Wilkinson.....Staff  
Allison Mathis.....Parent  
John Kennedy.....Community  
Robert Thompson.....Community  
German Montenegro.....Parent  
Jaleesa Benbow.....Staff  
Anthony Dennis.....Community  
Tanjanique Mack.....Parent

### Accomplishments :

Reward for Performance 2015-2016  
Reward for Performance 2014-15  
AdvancED Accreditation 2014-15  
ESEA Report Card Grade B 2014  
ESEA Report Card Grade A 2013  
Palmetto Gold 2012  
Excellent/Excellent Report Card 2011  
Met AYP 2011  
Palmetto Gold 2011  
Red Carpet School 2010  
Excellent/Good Report Card 2010  
Met AYP 2010  
Palmetto Gold 2010  
Traveling Multiplication Trophy 2010  
Toys for Tots Winner 2009

## Needs Assessment

At Shaw Heights, we are proud of the achievements and improvements we have made in the last three years. Traditionally, Shaw Heights' third grade students perform at or above state achievement levels and above district achievement levels on end-of-year required assessments. An analysis of the results of 2016 SC READY testing shows that for the most part this trend continued. On the math assessment, 60.5% of our third grade students met or exceeded expectations, as compared to 53.6% of third graders statewide and 46.5% of Sumter School District's third grade students. On the English assessment, the percentage of our students who met or exceeded expectations was slightly below the state level, 40.2% compared to 43.7%; however, our percentage was higher than the district's (33.5%).

While we are proud of what our students have accomplished, we are not satisfied with the percentage of our students who met or exceeded expectations since our ultimate goal is to ensure that all of our students are college- and career-ready upon graduation. We realize the important foundations for future success that we are building for our students. Therefore, our School Renewal Plan for the next five years includes strategies designed to increase the percentage of our third grade students who meet or exceed expectations on state assessments.



Shaw Heights Elementary School

## Shaw Heights Elementary Report to the Public

Shaw Heights Elementary is a public Title I school located on Shaw Air Force Base. Our school serves both military and non-military families. We strive to create a warm, nurturing environment in which our students can excel. Many parent involvement opportunities are implemented throughout the school year. Teachers work collaboratively with parents to ensure that all children have a positive learning experience. Our School Improvement Council has made a commitment to provide support for the school's mission and performance goals, and to encourage the involvement of the community.

The 2015-2016 state assessment was the SC READY. We are proud that our school was above the district average in all areas. In addition, we exceeded the state average in the area of math. Teachers, students, faculty, parents, and community members shared in the celebrations of our success. Some of the steps taken to ensure our students are achieving at a high level include correlating our curriculum with the state standards, participating in on-going professional development, intervention in reading and math, inclusion challenge classes, laptop computers in all third grade classes, educational software programs, and a variety of parent involvement activities. We also provide our students opportunities to participate in service projects, such as March of Dimes, American Heart Walk, community choir performances, Shower Shaw with Cookies/Cards, and Relay for Life.

Shaw Heights Elementary faculty and staff are dedicated to the mission of educating all children to their highest potential. Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. By focusing on appropriate academic planning and instruction, our goal is to improve the achievement of each child attending our school.

Dr. Melissa Morris, Principal

Jacqui Witherspoon, President SIC