



## W. M. ANDERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### W.M. Anderson Primary School SIC Report to the Parents 2022-2023

W.M. Anderson Primary School is Home of the Jaguar Cubs, Where Little People Do Big Things Every Day! At W.M. Anderson Primary School (WMAPS) we continue to work together to help all of our students become College, Career, and Citizenship ready. WMAPS has a student population of 442 students from Child Development through Second Grade. The student body is comprised of 89% of students who are classified as African American, 2% Hispanic, 6% are classified as Caucasian, 1% are Asian, 1% American Indian, and 3% are classified as two or more races with all of our students being recipients of the Community Eligibility Provision for breakfast and lunch. Students at WMAPS are provided safe learning environments that target students learning goals as a top priority in classroom instruction. Students are encouraged to work together and show cooperative learning skills as they are taught real-world coping lessons through the Montessori method. In order to accomplish our student learning goals, we focus on providing high quality educational instruction. WMAPS has implemented a Reading block for focus on ELA skills where students received multi-tiered instruction in small groups. This allows for targeted instruction in needed ELA skills. In addition, teachers in all grades in regular classrooms have implemented the Montessori curriculum during this school year. Teachers continue to be prepared to implement this instruction through receiving professional development trainings in Montessori each Friday. At WMAPS, we value the connections with parents and need parental support as a partnership in each student's academic success. These connections allow us to cultivate an environment that promotes best practices and continued student achievement through keeping in contact with parents, hosting parenting workshops, and sending information home weekly for parental updates.

WMAPS promotes the skillset of the South Carolina Graduate within our school through providing rigorous Montessori lessons which target higher order thinking skills. The staff attend Professional Learning Communities to plan high quality lessons and discuss data trends. The instructional needs of the students at WMAPS are always the center focus of decisions made by the instructional leadership team along with SIC members. As we identify areas of additional need, plans are put into action to help students further succeed. Students' academic needs are addressed through daily Montessori lessons, small group instruction during the Reading Block with group rotations, and i-Ready computerized instruction based on each students' individual needs. In addition to these practices, our students have opportunities to expand their understanding through literacy best practices and through attending the after-school Title I CUBS program and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant program.

The school climate is family-oriented and places student achievement at the forefront of educational decisions. WMAPS faculty and staff work closely with the family members of our students in order to best provide a strong academic foundation. We host monthly parenting events and Montessori information event nights for families to engage with faculty members. In our Parenting Center, parent/guardians can receive brochures, pamphlets, and parenting guides to assist in helping students to increase achievement. The faculty and staff at WMAPS recognize the importance of helping all students to reach academic success. The school renewal plan outlines the decision-making process for WMAPS which promotes effective teaching practices and increased student achievement. We work together with all stakeholders to help Bring Our A-Game Through Academics, Achievement, and Awesome Attitudes.

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