

Lesslie



Elementary School

Annual SIC Report to Parents
2020-2021

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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Lesslie Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) 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.

Who We Are

Lesslie Elementary School was incorporated as a public school by the state of South Carolina on March 5, 1906. Lesslie is located approximately seven miles south of Rock Hill. We have classes in grades Kindergarten – Grade 5.

Vision and Purpose

Our school values learning, achievement, collaboration, and responsibility as cornerstones of our learning community.

Lesslie Motto

Working together, engaging minds, and building character for a better tomorrow.

Our Goals are:

- Improve all students' skills in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies as measured by standardized and criteria-referenced tests.
- Continue efforts to increase parental involvement in school activities and student learning.
- Maintain good attendance for students and staff
- Maintain and improve the appearance of the school
- Promote school spirit among students, staff, and parents
- Actively teach respect, responsibility, and good manners
- Develop critical and creative thinking skills – the ability to use one's mind well
- Pursue statewide recognition for school and community accomplishments
- Ensure that every child at Lesslie receives a quality education
- Ensure that no barrier separates a child from the best education we can offer
- Be committed to instructional excellence.

Student Achievement

- Winter 2020 Math MAP data shows that 84.33% of students in Grades 1-5 showed growth between the Fall 2020 and Winter 2020 Math MAP assessment administration. Kindergarten students are not assessed with MAP.

• Winter 2020 Reading MAP data shows that 80.69% of students in Grades 1-5 showed growth between the Fall 2020 and Winter 2020 Reading MAP assessment administration. Kindergarten students are not assessed with MAP.

Our 2020-21 School Improvement Plan goals were to:

- Improve student achievement in math and literacy for all grades
- Increase student achievement in all grades by striving for every student to make at least one year's growth
- Positively impact the school climate by contacting parents to share positive comments

To meet our school improvement goals, we took the following steps:

- MAP, SCReady, SCPASS, and benchmark assessments (**Due to Covid-19, SCReady and SCPass were not administered**) data were analyzed to determine instructional needs for students. Instruction was tailored to meet those needs.
- Math and Reading workshop and other best practices were used to differentiate instruction for students.
- Teachers collaborated to identify essential learning and created common assessments to gauge student growth.
- Hands-on science instruction was used with emphasis on inquiry and critical thinking.
- Positive phone calls, emails, and post cards were sent to every student and family.
- Blackboard, our website, social media, and e-newsletters were used to communicate events and activities with our families.

Programs Offered

- Gifted and Talented (3rd-5th grades)
- Academic Tutoring
- Challenger Afterschool Program (**Due to Covid-19, Challenger was not offered during the 2020-2021 school year**).
- Guidance
- Exceptional Student Education
- Catawba Family Counseling

Parental Involvement

Parents are involved as equal partners as we work with students. **Due to Covid-19, parental involvement in the building was not allowed.** However, these are some areas of their involvement:

- PTO
- School Improvement Council
- Testing Monitors/Chaperones
- Conference Day
- Family Nights
- Talent Show
- Student Orientation
- Book Fair
- Parent Helpers
- Literacy Day/Math Day

School and Teacher Recognition

Conrad Hayes – Lesslie Teacher of the Year 2020-2021

Student Recognition

Terrific Kid Program
Hornet PBIS Celebrations
PBIS Awards Days
RHSF Student Award

Interns and Cadets

Each semester, Lesslie welcomes interns from Winthrop University. We also have a large number of Teacher Cadets from Rock Hill High School that work and observe in our classrooms.

Business Partners

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| • New Indy | • Rock Hill High School |
| • Friendship United Methodist Church | • Rock Hill Kiwanis Club |
| • Catawba Baptist Church | • Lesslie Fire Dept. |
| • Seventh Day Adventist Church | • Texas Roadhouse |
| • Lake Shore Christian Fellowship | • Showmars |
| • Regal Graphics | |

School Improvement Council

Jean Dickson, Kimenya Ramet, Michelle Turbeville, Megan Slaughter, Taylor Runyan, Shanna Younes, Shana George-Perry, Leslie Goubran, Ginger Colvin