



**Northside Elementary School of the Arts**  
**Accomplishments and Enrichment**

- Creative Ticket National School of Distinction
- School of Choice for Rock Hill Schools 2015-2016
- Arts Integration focus
- Arts Explorers classes (K-5)
- Yearly grade-level productions/integration showcases
- Terrific Kids
- Year End Awards Day
- Birthday Celebrations
- Attendance Incentives
- Safety Patrol
- Artists in Residences for every grade
- After School Visual Arts Classes (K-5)
- ABC School Site since 2001 (Arts in Basic Curriculum)
- Distinguished Arts Program School
- South Carolina Healthy School—four time winner
- Literacy Spot Award
- SC READS School
- School of Promise Award
- Red Carpet Award
- Palmetto Gold & Silver Award Winning School
- Violin during the school day (3-5)
- Enhanced music instruction (k-2)

**Northside Elementary**  
**School of the Arts**  
**Fast Facts**

**Student Enrollment**  
530 Students

**Past Palmetto Gold/Silver Recognition**  
2010-2011: Silver for General Academic Performance  
2011-2012: Silver for General Academic Performance & Gold for Closing the Achievement Gap

**National Board Certified Teachers**  
7

**Teachers With Master's Degree's**  
29



**Northside Elementary**  
**School of the Arts**  
**School Summary Report &**  
**Report to Parents**

2015-2016

“The vision of Northside Elementary School of the Arts is to be a renowned arts and academic community that inspires creativity, courage, and character.”

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Northside Elementary School of the Arts

**Our Mission**

Working with our community, the fundamental purpose of Northside Elementary School of the Arts is to provide an inspiring, creative, artistically enriched learning environment where high achievement is the norm, so that all of our students achieve a life-time of success.

**Facts**

- Enrollment: 530 students
- School of Choice for Rock Hill Schools
  - Arts Integration
  - Arts in the Basic Curriculum Site
    - Grades 5K-5<sup>th</sup>
  - School Colors: Gold and Navy
    - Logo: Explorer's Compass
- School Theme: "Explore Learning One Adventure at a Time"
  - Student Council
  - Junior Achievement
- Full Visual and Performing Arts Specialists (drama, dance, visual arts, and music)
  - Over 15 Business Partners
- Over \$400,000 awarded in Arts Grants over the last 13 years

**Schoolwide SIC Program Summary**

1. Involving students and parents in a project with a focus on a healthy environment and sustainable living.
  - Continued to develop the plan for the outdoor learning classroom.
  - Designed an outdoor music garden.
2. Continued implementation of School of Choice and Arts Programs
  - Team members developed ideas and ways to share the theme of Northside with the entire community.
  - Parent volunteers served as greeters/tour guides at school of choice open houses for the district.
  - An afterschool visual arts class was continued.
  - Members served on the district SOC Committee.
3. Collaborate with PTO on support of healthy lifestyle choices.
  - Participate in the annual Fun Run to raise awareness of staying active and making healthy choices when eating.
4. Kick It For Cancer service learning project.

**Standardized Testing Results**

**ACT 2014-2015**

Reading

Hi	26.9%
Avg	28.4%
Lo	44.6%

Mathematics

Hi	33.2%
Avg	29.1%
Lo	37.5%

Writing

Hi	36.6%
Avg	36.2%
Lo	27.1%

**PASS 2014-2015**

Science

Exemplary	11.0%
Met	59.0%
Not Met	29.5%

Social Studies

Exemplary	27.9%
Met	41.6%
Not Met	30.0%

