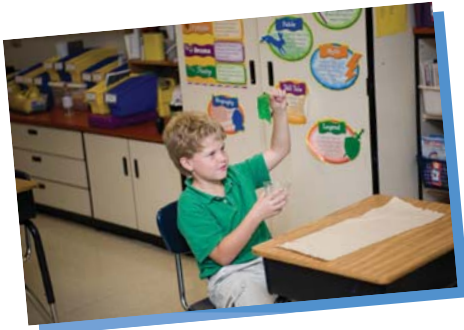


# “Sunset Park Shines”



The South Carolina State Department of Education recognized Sunset Park for academic achievement in 2011-2012 and 2010-2011 with the Palmetto Silver Award for our school's state report card performance rating.

In August, 2012, Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies was selected by the US Environmental Protection Agency to be a recipient of the Energy STAR award for its commitment to use 35% less energy, as well as generate 35% less greenhouse emissions as similar buildings across the nation.

During the Fall of 2010, Sunset Park celebrated the opening of “The Great Outdoors,” our outdoor classroom facility. A \$23,700 grants from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation provided the funding for this project. “The Great Outdoors” consists of a small amphitheater with stadium-type seating for students during the day and a gathering place for the community members in the evening and on weekends. The outdoor classroom will be used by students for science studies as well as a place to apply their learning in other subjects.

From Spring of 2008 to the present date, our students population has increased by 83%.

In December, 2010, the “Technobots,” Sunset Park's robotics team and Rock Hill's only elementary team, participated in the Rock Hill Regional Qualifying Tournament for the 2010 First Lego League's challenge. Their combined score won them the chance to participate in the state robotics competition, beating out several middle schools who were also vying for a chance to advance.

In the Spring of 2010, Sunset Park was officially recognized as a Partner School with Winthrop University's NETSCOPE Project. Sunset Park and Winthrop will work collaboratively to improve education for all students in Rock Hill through intense training with student interns and access to resources available through this community connection.

## Mission

Educating the whole child to ensure success through **L**eadership, **E**nrichment, **A**cceleration and **D**ifferentiation.

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# Sunset Park

Center for Accelerated Studies

“Taking the **LEAD** in Education”



*All of us do not have equal talent,  
but all of us should have an equal  
opportunity to develop our talent.*

*— John F. Kennedy*



## At A Glance:

- **Gifted and Talented endorsed** teachers serve all students in grades K-5.
- **School-Wide Enrichment Clusters** are offered to all students on Fridays for the last hour of the school day during two, 10 week cycles. Cluster opportunities include: Happy Feet, Build It, Destroy It!, Destination Imagination, Hold that Pose!, Positively Pottery, Chess Club, and Reading Rangers.
- **G/T Cluster Classes** serve students identified as Gifted and Talented in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- **Opportunities for Competitive Teams** span grades 2-5. These include teams competing in Destination Imagination, the Geography Bee, the district's Science Bowl, and Robotics.
- **Perfect PASS Scores** were received on 29 tests by 23 students on the 2012 State PASS Assessment, up from 13 perfect PASS scores in 2011.
- **Duke TIP Recipients:** 61 students received qualifying scores on the 2012 PASS Assessment.
- **Interactive Technology** resources in all classrooms.
- **Multiple Opportunities** will be given to bring out the giftedness in your child.

## The Center for Accelerated Studies is designed:

- To value and nurture the gifts and talents of every student.
- To research and implement best practices of acceleration and enrichment.
- To integrate a highly advanced program throughout the school focusing on the individual needs of students.
- To encourage and support parents as partners.
- To bring out your child's gifts and talents.
- As a Magnet School.



“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically...intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

## “Taking the **LEAD** in Education”

### LEADERSHIP

Gifted and Talented Endorsed Teachers  
 Advanced Professional Training  
 Talent Development  
 Junior Beta Club  
 Student Participation in Safety Patrol and Student Council

### ENRICHMENT

Technology Infusion  
 Student Choice  
 Enrichment Clusters for all Students  
 Research Opportunities  
 Expeditionary Learning Challenges

### ACCELERATION

Jr. Great Books Literacy Program  
 Jacob's Ladder Language Arts Units  
 Hands on Equations  
 M3 Math Program

### DIFFERENTIATION

Ongoing Academic Assessment to Determine Specific Needs of Students  
 High Level Academic Challenge  
 Strategies for Students with Special Needs