

“Sunset Park Shines”

The South Carolina State Department of Education recognized Sunset Park for academic achievement with the Palmetto Gold Award in 2014-2015, 2013-2014, and 2012-2013 and with the Palmetto Silver Award in 2011-2012 and 2010-2011 for the school's state report card ratings. Additionally, Sunset Park earned a 92.7 (A rating) on the ESEA/Federal Accountability System during the 2013-2014 school year.

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 compared to 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 grant 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 it also can be used as a gathering place for community members in the evening and on weekends. In addition, during the Spring of 2013, 3rd and 5th Grade students worked to make some upgrades to the Outdoor Classroom. It now includes four stations for small group learning, several “beds” for vegetable gardens, and several bird feeders. The outdoor classroom is used by students for science studies as well as for 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 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 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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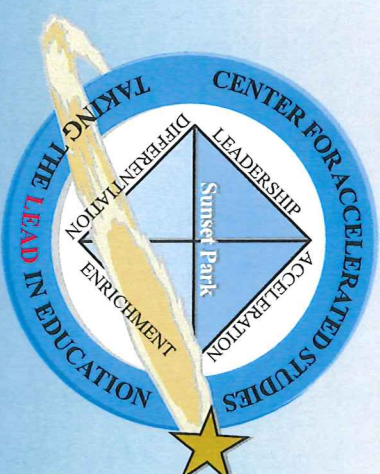
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Sunset Park

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 for the last hour of the Friday school day during two, ten-week cycles. Cluster opportunities include: Archery, Rugby, Positively Pottery, SPCAS Idols, Creation Station, Picture It, and Time for Thinking.
- **G/T Cluster Classes** serve Gifted and Talented identified students in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- **Opportunities for Competitive Teams** span grades 2-5. These include teams competing in the District's Science and Robotics Competition.
- **Perfect PASS Scores** were received by 13 students on 17 of the 2014 State PASS Assessment; 13 tests by 11 students on the 2013 State PASS Assessment; 26 tests by 21 students on the 2012 State PASS Assessment; and 13 perfect PASS scores on the 2011 State PASS Assessment. Additionally, 2 Perfect scores were achieved on the ACT ASPIRE Assessment in 2014.
- **DUKE TIP Recipients:** 75 students received qualifying scores on the 2013 PASS Assessment, making them eligible to participate in the Duke TIP Program, up from 61 students receiving qualifying scores in 2012.
- **Interactive Technology** resources in all classrooms.
- **Multiple Opportunities** available 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 each 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, Math, Science, and SS Unit Development
- 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