

“Sunset Park Shines”

The South Carolina State Department of Education recognized Sunset Park for academic achievement in 2012-2013 with the Palmetto Gold Award and, in 2011-2012 and 2010-2011, with the Palmetto Silver Award for our school's state report card performance ratings. Additionally, Sunset Park earned a 98.3 (A rating) on the ESEA/Federal Accountability System during the 2012-2013 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 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 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 for the last hour of the Friday school day during two, ten-week cycles. Cluster opportunities include: Build It, Destroy It!, Positively Pottery, SPCAS Idols, Creation Station, Fit Kids, 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 Vocabulary Bowls as well as a Robotics Competition.
- **Perfect PASS Scores** were received by 11 students on 13 of 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.
- **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