



Sunset Park

CENTER FOR ACCELERATED STUDIES

Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents”

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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies School Improvement Council 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 the other accomplishments during the school year.

Our Mission and Vision

- We will create a child-centered learning environment where ALL children will learn at high levels.

At SPCAS the faculty and staff...

- Purposefully collaborate.
- Empower students to discover, develop, and accelerate academically, creatively, and socially.
- Use practices that are research based and responsive to the needs of our students.
- Collaborate and communicate with all stakeholders to ensure student success.



“Taking the LEAD in Education”

School Achievements

- 2024-2025 Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Lighthouse Award
- Awarded grant money from Rock Hill Schools Education Foundation, 100% Rock Hill, and Donors Choose.
- School community partnerships with Clinton College, SPCAS SIC/PTO, Northwestern High School, First Baptist Church of Rock Hill, Mount Olivet, AME Zion, South Pointe High School, and other local churches and sororities.
- Partnership with Hayden Hurst Foundation for resources for social-emotional learning (ABii & InFocus curriculum), 2022 - Current.
- Aricia Harris, 2024-2025 school winner for Rock Hill School District Oratorical contest
- Six Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards
- National Beta School of Merit
- Maximum Score on SCREADY student recognitions
- 2021-2022 Van Robotics Lighthouse Award
- SC NSPRA Golden Achievement– Best in Show 2021

At a Glance

- Gifted and Talented Endorsed teachers serve all students in grades PK-5.
- Acceleration is an ongoing instructional process by which educators engage in practices to improve access to and mastery of standards at each child’s level.
- All students participate in (two) ten week cycles of Enrichment Clusters which take place on Fridays during the last hour of the school day. Cluster opportunities include: Garden Club, Basketball Basics, Spanish 101, Youthful Yoga, Card Sharks, Double Dutch, Kids That Code and many more.
- G/T cluster classes serve Gifted and Talented identified and academically advanced students in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- Opportunities for competitive teams and extracurricular activities span grades 3-5. Students participate in Robotics, Beta Club, Girls on the Run, Math Olympiads, Musical Performances, Let Me Run, and more.
- Interactive technology resources in all classrooms such as ABii Smart Tutor Robots.
- Acceleration resources, materials, and instruction are available to enrich your child’s gifts and talents.



Student Achievements

Overall Rating from S.C. School Report Card– **GOOD**, 2023-2024

Growth Rating from S.C. School Report Card- **EXCELLENT**, 2023-2024

Percentage of Students Making Expected Growth on 2024 SC Ready

	ELA	Math
3 rd Grade	52.30%	52.30%
4 th Grade	54.70%	40.70%
5 th Grade	60.00%	49.30%

For more information, you may view Myschool’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.

SIC Annual Goals & Achievements

- SIC developed survey to gain feedback for continuous school improvement
- In collaboration with school goals, increase knowledge of high poverty, high performing schools, the use of acceleration materials for instruction, school beautification, funding for books, Book Fair support, and diversity training
- Continue to increase parent and community involvement
- Continue advocating for the new school facility due to student growth in attendance and building functionality
- SIC provided support with determining new partnerships with community stakeholders.
- SIC in collaboration with PTO provided encouragement for testing to students and staff, stocked the teacher’s lounge with snacks and drinks and provided several other tokens of appreciation throughout the school year.
- Provided sessions on school data for families, parent engagement strategies, and Title I initiatives
- Collaborated with school to provide authentic opportunities for students
- Assist with student projects and events throughout the school year
- Participate and advocate in district and community initiatives



Sunset Park 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.
- As a program option.