

“Sunset Park Shines”

Sunset Park continues to offer our Accelerated Studies choice program for all students in our district. This program includes a clustered classroom option for students identified as Gifted and Talented (G/T) in 3rd through 5th grade. We offer enrichment cluster opportunities to every child, and every classroom teacher is G/T endorsed. As a result of offering this choice option for Rock Hill students, Sunset Park has continued to experience consistent growth. Our enrollment numbers this year have been steady, and we anticipate an increase in student enrollment in the 2019-2020 school year.

Sunset Park has earned five South Carolina Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for the academic performance of its students! We had two students earn perfect scores on the SCPASS and SCREADY test this year. Additionally, we had forty-one students who qualified as Duke TIP scholars this year. Our students continue to make us so proud!

Our school staff has collaborated this year on many school-wide goals. Planning sessions are led by our G/T teacher-coach, our Literacy Specialist, and District Math and Literacy Coaches. We are also in partnership with the College of Education at Winthrop University. Thanks to this partnership, Winthrop provides our school with human and financial resources to assist us in meeting the needs of our students. We are very pleased to be able to continue this close and collaborative connection with Winthrop for the coming school year!

Our PTO continues to offer extracurricular events for our students. Events in the past have included BINGO Nights, Movie Nights, Fun Runs, and a Read-A-Thon.

Sunset Park continues to review all student data in order to make decisions that will positively impact student achievement and development. We are all excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for our students and our school!

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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

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.

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 choice 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.*



At A Glance

- Gifted and Talented Endorsed teachers serve all students in grades K-5.
- 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: Archery, Creation Station, Lego Builders, Positively Pottery, Wacky Weather, Logical Pursuits, and many more.
- G/T cluster classes serve Gifted and Talented identified students in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- Opportunities for competitive teams span grades 3-5. These teams participate in the District's Science Bowl, Robotics, and Battle of the Books Competitions.
- Interactive technology resources in all classrooms.
- Multiple opportunities are available to enhance your child's gifts and talents.

Most Recent Student Achievements

- Perfect PASS and SCREADY Score student recognition
- Forty-one students qualified for Duke TIP
- Five Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

"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
- South Carolina PE Teacher of the Year, 2016
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative

ENRICHMENT

- Technology Infusion
- Student Choice
- Enrichment Clusters for all Students

ACCELERATION

- Junior Great Books' Literacy Program
- Jacob's Ladder Language Arts, Math, Science, and SS Unit Development
- Hands on Equations
- M2 and M3 Math Programs
- William and Mary Units of Study
- Primary Education Thinking Skills
- Navigations Math Curriculum

DIFFERENTIATION

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