

Orchard Park Elementary School

School Improvement Council

“Report to the Parents”

2017-2018

The Orchard Park SIC is focused on school improvement. SIC members collaborate together to share knowledge about student, family, and community needs and suggest ideas for effective change. The OPES SIC this year actively engaged in dialogue around three themes that guided our conversations and planning for school improvement. The themes are:

Community Relations, Student Enrichment Opportunities, & Parent Involvement

Community Relations

Spirit Night @ FMHS
Campus Clean up Day
Mentor Program

Student Enrichment Opportunities

Junior Achievement—JA in a Day
Battle of the Books
“Only One You” Rock Project

Parent Involvement

Literacy Night
Continued Implementation of Watch DOGS



School Statistics (as of May 2018)

Grades: K-5 | Enrollment: 780

White: 79% | African American: 10% |

Hispanic: 5% | Asian: 2% | Other: 4%

Free & Reduced	18%
Special Education (students with primary disabilities other than speech/language)	5%
Academic Gifted Program Grades 3-5 (GT)	16%
English Language Learners (ELL)	2%

OUR COMMITMENTS at ORCHARD PARK ELEMENTARY

- We are committed to the belief that all children can learn.
- We are committed to the belief that collaboration and positive RELATIONSHIPS are needed for continuous growth.
- We are committed to the belief that we are a strong COMMUNITY who is PASSIONATE about putting children first.
- We are committed to the belief that we serve others with PRIDE.



Only One You Project sponsored by the SIC

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School Colors: Burgundy and Gold

School Mascot: Eagle

School Motto: Soar High with Pride!

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Student Achievement at Orchard Park

Orchard Park students consistently out-perform local and national averages on MAP testing. See Spring 2018 Average RIT Scores below:

Grade	Subject	OPES	FMSD	National
Kind.	ELA	164.5	166.8	155.9
	Math	167.7	167.8	156.6
1	ELA	184.3	185.3	175.7
	Math	189.3	189.1	178.6
2	ELA	198.9	195.6	187.4
	Math	197.2	194.7	190.3
3	ELA	205.8	205.8	197.9
	Math	209	207.8	201.7
4	ELA	216	213.3	205.3
	Math	220.7	217.2	211.9
5	ELA	220.9	219	211.2
	Math	226.8	226.5	220.0

* For more information about student achievement, you may view Orchard Park's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.



Opportunities for Students at Orchard Park

- ◊ Vex Robotics
- ◊ Chess Club
- ◊ Girls on the Run
- ◊ Let Me Run
- ◊ Junior Librarians
- ◊ Soarin' Sounds
- ◊ Eagle Beats
- ◊ Art Club
- ◊ Student Wellness Club
- ◊ STOP Club (Students Thinking of Other People)
- ◊ Safety Patrol
- ◊ Battle of the Books

Did you know?

The School Improvement Council at Orchard Park was named as an Honor Roll SIC for the State of SC in 2018.



Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Orchard Park Elementary 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 other accomplishments during the school year."

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