

The Rudolph G. Gordon Elementary School Improvement Council presents this Annual School Summary Report as required by the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, as amended by the Educational Improvement Act of 1984. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the school office at (864) 452-0201.

School Information

- ◆ Student daily attendance rate is 96%.
- ◆ Student population on special permission is 20%.
- ◆ Gifted and Talented population is 29% of students in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- ◆ Percentage of students served through special education services is 15%.
- ◆ Six home languages are represented.
- ◆ Advanced degrees have been obtained by 74% of the professional staff.
- ◆ Five teachers are National Board Certified.
- ◆ After school program serves 125 students weekly.
- ◆ Academic assistance provided for identified students.
- ◆ Safe Schools Award for eleven consecutive years.

Rudolph G. Gordon School at Jones Mill

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2020-2021

Annual Report to the Community

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Programs and Initiatives to Attain School Goals

Technology

- ◆ Enrich
- ◆ Document Cameras
- ◆ Promethean Boards
- ◆ Laptops
- ◆ Chrome Books
- ◆ School Website
- ◆ Social Media Sites
- ◆ United Streaming
- ◆ Internet
- ◆ iPads
- ◆ Laptop Carts
- ◆ Instructional Software
- ◆ Parent Portal / Backpack

Curriculum

- ◆ Read to Succeed
- ◆ Balanced Literacy
- ◆ Focus Groups
- ◆ Science Lab
- ◆ RTI
- ◆ FOSS Science Kits
- ◆ ESOL
- ◆ Mentoring and Tutoring
- ◆ Maker Space
- ◆ Differentiated Instruction
- ◆ Arts Integration
- ◆ MAP Testing
- ◆ Mastery Connect
- ◆ Multicultural Studies
- ◆ Learning Focused Strategies
- ◆ Challenge Program
- ◆ On Track Team

Educational Enrichments

- ◆ Maker Space Clubs
- ◆ Writing Celebrations
- ◆ Science Lab Instruction
- ◆ Character Education Program
- ◆ Chorus
- ◆ Accelerated Reader
- ◆ IXL Math Program
- ◆ Sign Language, Robotics, and Beta Clubs

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The mission of Rudolph G. Gordon Elementary, in cooperation with home and community, is to prepare children to become lifelong learners and responsible, productive citizens by creating meaningful learning experiences in a safe, nurturing environment.

Rudolph G. Gordon Elementary School was named after Dr. Rudolph G. Gordon, former district superintendent of Greenville County Schools, to acknowledge his accomplishments and leadership in education and the community. He retired in 2000, after serving as the district's seventh superintendent since consolidation in 1951. The school's media center is named after his late wife, Corine Smith Gordon. She served as a librarian in Greenville County Schools for 32 years.

The current facility has been expanded to include grades 6, 7, and 8. The new addition opened to 6th grade students in August 2018. The curriculum emphasizes student collaboration through a STEAM focus. Sports teams are provided for 7th and 8th grade students.

School Demographics 2020-2021

Enrollment virtual Enrollment Brick and Mortar	323 1222
Caucasian B&M	968 (79%)
African American B&M	106 (8.6%)
Hispanic B&M	82 (6.7%)
Two or More Races B&M	44 (3.6%)
Poverty Index	31.1%

School Performance Data SCReady Testing (Last Tested in the Spring 2019)

Math Achievement	Meets or Exceeds
3rd Grade	71.4%
4th Grade	62.7%
5th and 6th Grades	64.5% and 69.7%
School Average	67%
District Average	55%
State Average	45%

Reading Achievement	Meets or Exceeds
3rd Grade	66%
4th Grade	70.1%
5th and 6th Grades	63.3% and 69.7%
School Average	67%
District Average	55%
State Average	45%

Student Achievement Goals

Annually meet or exceed the standards in writing, English, reading, and mathematics as measured by SC READY.

Annually meet or exceed the standards in science and social studies as measured by SC PASS.

Annually meet or exceed the national norm on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in grade 2.

Meet the required annual measurable objectives by grade band in all subjects as measured by SC READY and SC PASS.

Annually increase learning outcomes for traditionally underachieving groups.

Teacher and Administrator Quality Goal

Increase the percentage of teachers to 90% in 2023 agreeing with the statement, "There are relevant professional development opportunities offered at my school."

School Climate Goal

Achieve a rate of 92% or higher of teachers, students, and parents who are satisfied with the learning environment by 2023.

Maintain a rate of 95% of teachers, students, and parents who feel school is a safe place.