Forts Pond Elementary
Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents

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Vision and Mission

Vision

Forts Pond Elementary students will become self-directed, collaborative, creative, and caring learners who flourish in the global, competitive 21st century.

Mission

Forts Pond Elementary will fulfill the potential of all students by:

♦ Collaborating with families and the community

♦ Providing a safe, nurturing environment

♦ Promoting learning through the academics and arts

♦ Inspiring students to find their own greatness

♦ Engaging students in goal setting

♦ Celebrating accomplishments

♦ Developing leaders

Achievements and Accomplishments

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation

Leader in Me Lighthouse School

ASCA National Model: Framework for School Counseling Program

21st Century After-School Program Grant recipient

Relay for Life supporter

NASA Stem Project Partner School

Green Steps School

Run Hard Marathon Winners

Sponsor of community Veteran's Day Program

Report Card Ratings

Year	Rating
2016	Average
2015	Average
2014	Average
2013	Average
2012	Average
2011	Average
2010	Average

School Improvement Goals and Strategies

Goal 1:

Increase student achievement

♦   Continue implementation of eSpark to personalize learning for all students

♦   Set school-wide, grade level, class, and individual goals in writing and math fluency to increase academic achievement

Goal 2:

Increase parental involvement

♦   Work with parent liaison to increase number of parent workshops offered at various times to assist parents in providing academic assistance to their children

♦   Communicate through monthly school newsletters, weekly class newsletters, Peach Jar, Facebook, Twitter, School Messenger, school calendar, and school website

Goal 3:

Increase quality of instruction

♦   Collaborate with literacy coach to plan and implement Lucy Calkin's Units of Study for Teaching Writing and Reading

♦   Plan with grade level teams to implement and design Curriculum Unit Plans and common assessments in all four subjects

Measures of Academic Progress™ Data

MAP tests are administered to grades kindergarten through fifth two times a year and used to measure academic growth in reading and math.
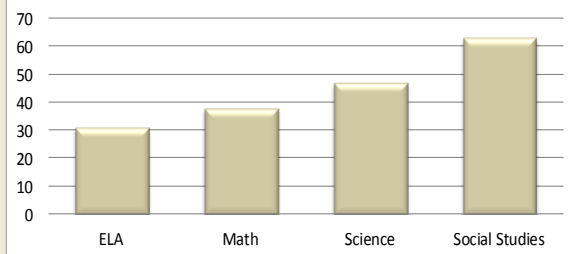
A summary of Spring 2017 scores are shown.

Subject	Grade	% of students meeting target growth
Reading	K	59
	1	36
	2	40
	3	44
	4	40
	5	51
Math	K	57
	1	57
	2	58
	3	65
	4	52
	5	65

Palmetto State Assessments of State Standards

The SC Ready was given to students in grades 4-8 in Spring 2016. Students were assessed in the subjects areas of ELA and math.

The SC PASS was given to students in grades 4-8 in Spring 2016. Students were assessed in the subjects areas of science and social studies.

Perecent of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards

Our annual school report card may be accessed at

http://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/