

SCHOOL STATISTICS

ENROLLMENT: 851

White: 424 | Hispanic/Latino: 193 | Asian: 100

African-American: 83 | Two or More Races: 46

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 3

American Indian or Alaska Native: 2

Grades Served	PK3—5th Grade
Free/Reduced Lunch	31.4%
Special Education (students with primary disabilities other than speech/language)	16.6%
Academic Gifted Program	23.9%
English Language Learners	21%
Pre-K with Special Needs	66 students

WHAT MAKES US SHARK STRONG?

- AdvancED Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Recognized as a No Place for Hate School by the Anti-Defamation League for the 6th year.
- Attended Professional Development School at Winthrop University.
- Awarded Winthrop University Professional Development School Grant from the U.S. Department of Education that focuses on English Language Acquisition, which included a \$3 million dollar grant over 5 years (NEXT Level: Network for Leading Education that Values English Learners).
- 95% of certified staff attended ESL graduate level courses.
- Hosted 7 Winthrop pre-service teachers.
- 3 VEX Robotics Teams qualified for World Championships.
- Led a 9-week parent class for ESL parents (NEXT Level Grant)
- Implemented Watch Dogs, a nationally recognized program that promotes family and community engagement. Designed to help father and father-figures gain awareness of their positive impact on academics, self esteem and social interactions.
- Raised awareness of various philanthropic causes.
- Cindy Weston, Teacher of the Year
- Tricia Ervin, Support Staff of the Year

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Tara Thompson, *Vice-Chair*
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Sugar Creek Elementary's
SC School Report Card
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This report is issued by the Sugar Creek Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) in accordance with South Carolina law to share information regarding the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other notable accomplishments from this school year.



SUGAR CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2017-2018

Our school is “**SHARK STRONG**” and working towards the character values of showing respect, having integrity and being kind.

Our Mission is to put children first by positively supporting diversity within a safe learning community while in pursuit of excellence through engaging curriculum and a love of learning.

Our Vision is putting children first, striving for excellence, and building positive relationships.

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WE ARE SHARK STRONG SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: STRATEGIC GOALS

• Teaching and Learning

Provide our staff with the opportunity to participate in Professional Learning Communities that empowers teachers to take responsibility for continuous growth through collaboration, communication, and self-awareness; Align the school's curriculum, instruction, and assessment system to ensure teacher effectiveness and maximize student learning.

Strategic Goal: Develop in-school staff development program that will focus on various school topics that are relevant across grade levels; SCES will develop and implement a systematic professional development model for the implementation of STEAM.

• Continuous Improvement

Kindergarten through fifth grade classroom teachers will use data to investigate, assess, and meet the needs of all students.

Strategic Goal: Develop, analyze and interpret common assessments that monitor progress of students to accurately reflect continuous student growth.

• Leadership and Communication

Increase teacher/staff involvement with ESL community; Students eligible for ESL after-school tutorial will maintain or increase achievement in reading and/or math.

Strategic Goal: Creating and providing opportunities for staff to be involved; Data will be collected for the students that have qualified. Lessons will be created based on student needs.

• Safe, Supportive, Inviting Schools

Engage the community by informing them of reading strategies that are used at school and can be used at home; Create a technology-rich environment to support the educational needs of our students.

Strategic Goal: Host literacy nights for kindergarten and first grade students and parents; Form a partnership with the district technology team to develop a technology plan for our school.

PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT

Reading

Grade	SCES	FMSD	National
K	143.0	146.6	140.0
1	162.5	170.0	159.0
2	182.4	183.6	173.0
3	195.7	197.3	187.0
4	202.1	206.6	197.0
5	212	213.8	205.0

Mathematics

Grade	SCES	FMSD	National
K	142.6	144.8	138.0
1	160.7	169.7	161.0
2	181.9	182.6	176.0
3	193.3	195.4	189.0
4	205.0	207.5	201.0
5	214.7	217.3	211.0

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

Science

Grade	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
4	88.9%	81.2%	83.6%	82.0%	71.5%
5	93.9%	95.7%	74.1%	79.7%	57.0%

Social Studies

Grade	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
4	93.3%	94.4%	96.7%	94.6%	95.4%
5	80.9%	91.5%	87.5%	79.7%	79.3%

PTO AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our PTO and school community offer support through volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and assisting the school with activities that put children first, show excellence and build positive relationships.

Sharkathon	Student Agendas
Luau	Family Spirit Nights
Field Trip Scholarships	SIC Tailgate
One School One Book	Recess Supplies
Lunch and Learn Program	Teacher Grants
Music Instruments	Field Day
Library Books	STEAM Night
LLP Games	Watch Dog Program
STEM Lab	Safety Patrol
Google Expedition	5th Grade Graduation

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AT SCES

Sugar Creek Elementary offers clubs like Archery, the Art Club, Chess Club, Choir and Chimes, 5th Grade Nutritional team, Girls on the Run, Let Me Run (Boys), VEX Robotics Club, Safety Patrol, SNN News, Striders and Yearbook Club. The clubs are designed to allow our students the opportunity to demonstrate talents and leadership.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS AT SCES

Sugar Creek Elementary offers parents a variety of opportunities to partner with the school to promote family and community engagement.

SIC Membership	PTO Membership
Watch Dogs	Room Parent
SIC and PTO Events	Spirit Night
Family Literacy Nights	STEAM Night
Fundraising Events	Volunteer