



Rocky Creek Elementary School Improvement Council 2020-2021 “Report to the Parents”

Rocky Creek Rangers are self-directed learners, caring citizens, and positive world-changers.

SIC Members

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Teacher

Whitney Seddon
Teacher

Greg Watchinski
Principal

Katie Herndon
Assistant Principal

Brandon Winchester
Assistant Principal

About RCE:

Student Enrollment: 805

Number of Staff: 99

Grades: 4K-Grade 5

Mascot: Rangers

Colors: Green/Brown

School Achievements

- ❖ Mary Jane Britt, 4-Year-Old Kindergarten teacher was selected as the Lexington One District Teacher of the Year.
- ❖ Carolyn Beck, Executive Secretary, was selected as the Rocky Creek Support Staff Employee of the Year.
- ❖ RCE continued to participate in Jon Gordon’s *Energy Bus for Schools Leadership Program*.
- ❖ RCE continued to be a computer science immersion school.
- ❖ RCE received several grants this year: DonorsChoose.org Projects, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Lexington One Educational Foundation Innovation Grant, Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grant.
- ❖ RCE Sponsored a “Creek Cares Tree” and was able to make 14 families’ holidays a little brighter.
- ❖ RCE students raised over \$3200 for the American Heart Association during Jump Rope for Heart.
- ❖ All teachers successfully completed professional learning on the Math and Literacy Modules for Hybrid and Virtual Teaching.
- ❖ Through their fall and spring fundraisers, our PTO raised enough money to purchase a new digital school sign.
- ❖ To ensure a continual focus on the Social/Emotional wellness of our students, all RCE classrooms began every school day with a morning meeting.
- ❖ Our greatest achievement this year was providing a highly supportive learning environment where students felt safe and loved and were academically challenged in the midst of a worldwide pandemic.

Additional Information:

At Rocky Creek Elementary, we practice our motto of being ready to learn, celebrating each other, exemplifying kindness, and staying safe each day.

We are committed to living out our mission in collaboration with families and community, we will provide an exceptional educational experience for all. Our dedicated staff and supportive parents work closely to make learning enjoyable for our students.

Rocky Creek Elementary opened in 2010 and is accredited by the State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school was designed and constructed using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) strategies. The U.S. Green Building Council awarded RCE Silver Status in the LEED for Schools rating system.

Please go to our website for additional information about Rocky Creek Elementary.

<http://rces.lexington1.net>

Student Achievement

- ❖ In 2019-2020, 76.7% of students in grades K-2 met or exceeded the standard on end of year text levels. This was a decrease from 83.5% in 2018-2019. Our goal is to have 91.3% of our K-2 students meeting or exceeding the standard on end of year text levels by 2020-2021.
- ❖ In 2018-2019, student achievement at Rocky Creek continued to surpass that of the state. 65.1% of students scored "meets" or "exceeds" on the state standardized language arts assessment and 66.2% of students scored "meets" or "exceeds" on the state standardized math assessment. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state standardized tests were not administered in 19-20.
- ❖ Rocky Creek Elementary prides itself on hiring and retaining highly qualified faculty members. Our percentage of teachers on continuing contract is at 81.5%. The percentage of teachers returning to Rocky Creek is 95.6%. This is indicative of the strong culture we have worked hard to foster here at Rocky Creek. Our data shows that the percentage of teachers with advanced degrees is 64.8%.
- ❖ Our school remains satisfied with the social and physical environment as indicated by the positive responses on the state surveys. The most recent survey data (18-19) indicated that 93.8% of students and parents responded favorably in this area. 86.7% of students and parents responded that they are satisfied with home school relations. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state surveys were not taken by students and parents in the 19-20 school year.

RCE Performance Goals

- ❖ 1. To increase the percentage of students who are progressing on-time with the requisite skills for success at their current grade levels.
- ❖ 2. To implement strategies to improve equity in high level coursework.
- ❖ 3. To implement strategies to improve performance in high level coursework.
- ❖ 4. To improve the conditions that lead to student success in each school by utilizing a system of advocacy for each child that facilitates healthy social and emotional growth.
- ❖ 5. To increase opportunities for district personnel to participate in collaborative professional learning opportunities that impact student achievement.
- ❖ 6. To implement strategies to improve customer service, parent engagement, and community involvement.

Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Rocky Creek 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.”