

# ROCKY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2024-2025

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## About Our School

Rocky Creek Elementary School is committed to developing young students into the leaders of tomorrow. Leading by example, the staff at Rocky Elementary School is seeking to show students how to enjoy the pursuit of education and embrace responsibility in their learning.

## 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.

## Our Vision

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

## Our Mission

In collaboration with our families and community, Rocky Creek Elementary provides an exceptional educational experience for all.



# SCHOOL DATA

## SC ANNUAL REPORT CARD RATINGS

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), State Education Agencies are required to prepare and disseminate an annual state report and Local Education Agency (LEA) report card that meet the minimum requirements described in federal law.

Year	Overall Rating	Academic	Preparing for Success	Student Progress
2023-2024	Excellent	Excellent	Not Rated	Good
2022-2023	Good	Excellent	Average	Average
2021-2022	Excellent	Good	Average	Good
2018-2019	Good	Excellent	Good	Average
2017-2018	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good

**\*\*2019-2020, 2020-2021 data was not reported due to COVID-19\*\***

## PALMETTO STATE ASSESSMENTS

The SC Ready assessment is given every spring to students in grades 3 through 5 to assess in the area of ELA and math. Below is a summary of students meeting or exceeding state standards in the areas of ELA and math.

Subject	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
ELA	54.6%	65.6%	72.5%	70.4%
Math	56.1%	61.4%	66.4%	70.4%

## IREADY ASSESSMENT

iReady is a diagnostic assessment administered to students in kindergarten through grade 5. The data below shows the percentage of students having an end-of-year overall placement of at least "Early On-Grade" on i-Ready.

Subject	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
ELA	n/a	74%	85%
Math	61%	70%	80%

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- RCES Overall Rating increased from Good to Excellent.
- The percentage of students scoring exceeds or meets on SC Ready math and reading assessment increased 4 percentage points.
- RCES has a greater percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations in reading and math compared to schools in the state.
- The percentage of students surpassing grade-level expectations in math is nearly 20% higher than the statewide average, and in reading, it is also close to 20% higher than schools statewide.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- LETRS is a professional learning course for instructors of reading, spelling, and related language skills. It provides educators with in-depth knowledge and tools that they can use with any reading program.
- The Ongoing Assessment Project (OGAP) is a systematic and intentional formative assessment system in mathematics based on mathematics education research on how students learn specific concepts.
- iReady training with consultant to learn how to use prerequisite reports to support learning.
- Book study with 4th and 5th grade teachers using Teaching Gifted Kids in Today's Classroom.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SIC

- Hosted Family Reading Night with over 800 in attendance
- OGAP
- Formed partnership with Lowe's Foods
- Hosted Books for BINGO
- Worked to increase community involvement
- Worked to increase student excitement about learning
- Hosted Math Night at Lowe's Foods

## SIC MEMBERS

Britny Aspey, Chair  
Jodi Gammel, Parent  
Trish Keels, Parent  
Staci Mims, Literacy Coach  
Kelly Neill, Parent  
Jessica Robbins, Assistant Principal  
Danielle Ruiz, Parent  
Jeff Sarokas, Community Member  
Kristen Smalley, Assistant Principal  
Michelle Smith, Principal  
Hannah Swanson, Parent

## ADMINISTRATION

Michelle Smith, Principal  
Jessica Robbins, Assistant Principal  
Kristen Smalley, Assistant Principal

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Ringo, 3rd Grade Teacher

## SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Sandra Ewing, Student Data Specialist

## ACCREDITATION

Current Classification from SCDOE:  
All Clear

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and School Improvement.