Rocky Creek Elementary School

School Improvement Council: Annual Report to Parents 2025-2026

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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.

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Rocky Creek Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) 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.

I. School Performance Profile (2024-2025)

Based on the South Carolina School Report Card, RCES continues to demonstrate high academic achievement that exceeds state and averages.

- **Overall Rating: Good**
- **Total Enrollment:** 830 Students

SC READY Proficiency (Percent "Meets" or "Exceeds")

Subject	**RCES** SC READY 2025	**District** SC Ready 2025	**Statewide** SC READY 2025
English Language Arts	**82.7%**	68.9%	60.3%
Mathematics	**72.4%**	50.9%	44.5%
Science (Grade 4)	**61.0%**	54.4%	49.5%

II. iReady End of Year Diagnostic Insights & Growth

At the start of each year, students take the i-Ready Diagnostic to establish an instructional baseline. It is important to note that the BOY diagnostic assesses students on End-of-Year grade-level standards that they have not yet been taught. By utilizing the beginning of the year baseline to drive instruction, Rocky Creek achieves exceptional growth by the final Spring assessment. Our goal is to move every student toward "Early On-Grade" placement or higher

Academic Growth Success (Percent Proficient by Year-End)

Results from the most recent full academic cycle showing progress toward mastery.

Subject	**Beginning** August 2024	**Middle** December 2024	**End** May 2025	**Total Growth** 2024-2025
English Language Arts	**40%**	**62%**	**75%**	**+35%**
Mathematics	**25%**	**53%**	**75%**	**+50%**

III. School Environment & Safety

The safety and satisfaction of our students and staff remain a top priority.

- **Safety Evaluation :** 98% of teachers and 80% of students agree/strongly agree that they feel safe at school.
- **Classroom Technology:** 100% of classrooms have wireless access and 100% of students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade are served by 1:1 learning devices.
- **Teacher Retention:** Our teacher return rate increased to 89.6%, up significantly from 73.7%.
- **Staff Qualifications:** 60.4% of our 48 teachers hold advanced degrees.

IV. Goals and Achievement Highlights

- We are intentionally focusing on growth for each of our students to ensure equitable progress for all Rangers.
- Teachers participated in LETRS (Literacy) and OGAP (Math) training to bring research-based strategies into every classroom.
- Named Special Olympics National Banner Unified Champion School.
- Using Read-A-Thon funds to invest directly in our students, we sponsored our first 'One Book, One School' event. This initiative strengthened reading instruction and deepened the connection between families and our school through a shared love of literacy.
- Increased school climate satisfaction and school-home communication by including families in student recognitions, hosting student showcases at each event, adding additional duty free lunches,and providing a year-long school calendar for families (provided by PTO).

V. SIC Membership & Leadership

Administration: Michelle Smith (Principal), Jessica Robbins (Assistant Principal), Kristen Smalley (Assistant Principal)

Teacher of the Year: Sarah Simms (4th Grade Teacher)

Support Staff of the Year: Brandon Wooten (Secretarial Assistant)

SIC Chair: Jodi Gammell

Members: Charles Bagley, Gregory Bingel, Jodi Gammel, Katelynn Hall, Kelley Mintz, Jennifer Ringo, Jessica Robbins, Shelby Sheldon, Kristen Smalley, Michelle Smith, Sarah Simms, Hannah Swanson

Rocky Creek Elementary is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the South Carolina Department of Education.