



**School/Faculty Achievements**

- United Way Campaign of Excellence
- FLL Fall Jr. Lego Regional Finalists
- FLL Spring Jr. Lego Regional Finalists
- Teacher of the Year: Ruth Zimmerman(K5)

**Parent/Community Involvement**

- Mentor Upstate
- iMagine STEAM Festival Upstate
- Reading Buddies
- Real Men Read
- Community Food Drives
- Uniform Drives
- Watch D.O.G.S (Dad of Great Students)
- Good News Club
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- PTA Events
- PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheons
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Monthly SIC & PTA meetings
- Career Awareness
- Backpack Program
- Engineering Weeks
- Arts Night
- AJ Night at the Drive
- Reading All-Stars with Greenville Drive
- Society of Women Engineers

**A.J. Whittenberg SIC Members**

Chair: Emily Cargill- Parent  
 Akeema Robinson-Parent  
 Nicole Ream-Parent  
 Katy Reid-Teacher  
 Johanna Hartmann-Teacher  
 Bryan Hayes-Community Member  
 Dr. Byron Battle- Community Member  
 Michelle Liggett- Community Member  
 Renee Davis-PTA President- ex officio  
 Demond Criss-Program Director- ex officio  
 Cameron Brice-Principal-ex officio

**School Profile**

Enrollment: 474  
 Grades: K4-5  
 Teachers: 35

**A.J. Whittenberg Mission Statement**

We, at AJW, create a culture of respect and highest achievement, uniquely aligned with engineering principles, that best prepares a diverse group of learners to succeed in the 21st Century.

**Purpose of the Report**

*“This Report is issued by the A.J. Whittenberg 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.”*

**A. J. Whittenberg Elementary  
 School of Engineering  
 Annual  
 School Improvement Council  
 Report to the Parents  
 2023**



**Principal: Cameron Brice  
 Program Director: Demond Criss  
 Admin Assistant: Tonya Jordan**

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**Updated Needs Assessment**

- Continue to further our efforts to create a school environment that is challenging, engaging, supportive, healthy, and safe.
- Strengthen our focus on individualized learning, specifically Inquiry-Based/Project Based Learning (PBL) and Guided Reading/Math while emphasizing specific strategies to ensure all students are engaged in critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.
- Strengthen our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) through continued professional development and the implementation of programs that will enhance this effort.
- Continue to develop our school’s instructional focus to increase achievement as indicated by SCReady, SCPass, Mastery Connect, and formative assessments.
- Continue to strengthen local community partnerships.



**Student Achievement**

*2022 SCReady/SCPASS Scores Meeting or Exceeding*

Subject	Test	% Exceeds & Meets	District Avg.	State Avg.
Reading	SC Ready	65%	55%	47%
Math	SC Ready	63%	49%	39%
Science	SC PASS	61%	57%	46%

*“For more information, you may view A.J. Whittenberg’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).”*



**Power through Partnerships**

A major portion of AJW’s success is due to robust partnerships with many community organizations and major engineering-focused corporations. Since the school’s inception, AJW students have benefited from real-world engineering instruction from Fluor, GE, Jacobs, Michelin, and others. Today, those partnerships continue to grow and expand.

**Features of A.J. Whittenberg**

- Engineering focused, problem-based curriculum
- Building designed to facilitate learning and the engineering curriculum
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Schools Silver certification
- Downtown Greenville location adjacent to the Swamp Rabbit Trail, Unity Park, and Reedy River
- Co-located with the Salvation Army’s Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center
- Junior Lego Robotics and FIRST Lego League (FLL) Robotics teams
- Award-winning Innovate! program
- Class-size Mars topographical map
- Watch D.O.G.S (Dad of Great Students)
- Bee Ambassadors
- Chess at 3
- ECO Garden