

Mission & Principal's Vision

Mission

In partnership with our community, Catawba Trail Elementary prepares all students for success by providing meaningful, challenging, and engaging learning experiences.

Principal's Vision

As we embrace the most important work we'll ever do, our eyes look to the future. Our world is shrinking and our children know this best of any of us.

Technology creates a learning environment with no boundaries. Essential skills focus on thinking...Thinking creatively, thinking critically...sustaining thinking over time and through challenges. We work towards a world in which we ask, "In what ways might we...?"

Many minds are stronger than the individual viewpoint and collaboration and communication are embedded in the engaging work our children do every day. Our diversity is our strength and results in a more thoughtful and flexible learning environment.

No longer is there just one right answer or one right way to design an elegant solution to our real world problem. We celebrate our children, our future, and we dedicate Catawba Trail to their education, their dreams, their aspirations, and their present and future success.

School Organizations

School Improvement Council

Brandon Johnson—Chairperson

Anya Martin—Co-Chairperson

Deitra Matthews—Secretary

Cassandra Stefan—Parent

Ashly Haigh—Parent/Teacher

Mike Loser—Teacher

Shelby Culp—Staff Employee

Denise Barth—Ex-Officio

Dan Reyes—Ex-Officio

Parent Teacher Organization

Tammy Magee—President

Jennifer Richter—Treasurer

Ashley Netzel—Secretary

Brittany Ischia-Melvin—Teacher Representative

Denise Barth—Ex-Officio

Dan Reyes—Ex-Officio

Tia Stewart—Ex-Officio

Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities

Catawba Trail Elementary



1080 Old National Highway

Elgin, SC 29045

(803) 699-3501

www.richland2.org/schools/cte

School Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:50 p.m.

Denise Barth—Principal

Dan Reyes—Assistant Principal

Tia Stewart—Assistant Principal

“Many Paths to the Future”

School Goals

Goal 1:

- **Increase student achievement and accomplishments through standard and creative assessment tools**
- **Accomplishments through other measures:**
 - *100% of students involved in Project-Based Learning
 - *Fifth-grade students achieved 90% First Choice acceptance in to district magnet programs
- **SC-Ready and SC-PASS Results**
 - *77% of students tested met State Standard in ELA
 - *66% of students tested met State Standard in Math
 - *78% of students tested met State Standard in Science
 - *80% of students tested met State Standard in Social Studies

Goal 2:

- **Create a positive school climate with evidence of student ownership and pride**
 - *Developing **student leaders** as evidenced by students conducting presentations, visitors sessions, School Board meetings, etc.
 - *Offering over **16 different clubs and activities**
 - *Providing **activity offerings** during the school day every Friday, thereby allowing every child to participate, develop, and enjoy
- **Fostering and cultivating Student Leadership and Creativity**
 - *Implementing **yearly student art project** where every child participates
 - *Developing presentation and public speaking skills, group dynamic skills, teamwork, communication skills and performance techniques in **each grade level** as a result of a **Musical Show**
 - *School-wide **Awards Day** celebrating students
 - *Fifth Grade **Recognition Ceremony** honoring many students
 - ***Extended day offerings** via private services: Dance, Soccer, Golf, Karate, Cheerleading, etc.

Student & Teacher Information

585 Students

PreK-5th Grades

39% African-American

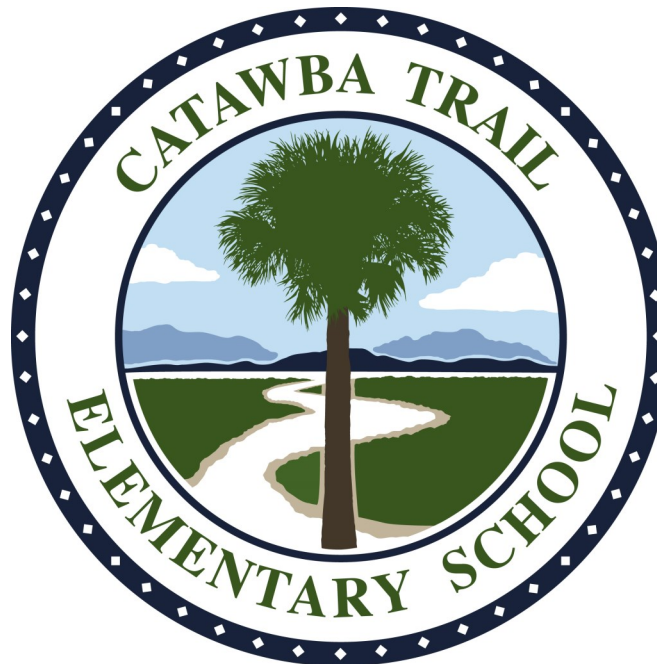
32% White

18% Hispanic

11% Asian, Native-American, & Other

44 Certified Teachers

10 National Board Certified



School Goals

Goal 3:

- **Continue developing quality teachers and administrators**
 - *100% of our teachers have earned the certification of **Highly Qualified**
 - *55% of our teachers earned **advanced degrees**
 - ***Partnership** with the **Buck Institute** for professional development for Project Based Learning
 - ***In-School professional development** three times per year
 - ***New Teacher** Mentor Program
 - *Monthly **Technology** professional development
 - ***Professional conferences** for teachers
 - *Technology Capital
 - Technology infused classrooms
 - HoverCam in every core classroom
 - 1TW01 Computing Grades 3-5
 - Laptop class sets for grades K-2
 - SmartBoards in every classroom
 - Class sets of FlipCams, Nooks, MacBooks, and Samsung cameras

Goal 4:

- **Create a community environment to support student success**
 - *PTO evidences strong participation & commitment
 - *SIC evidences strong participation & commitment
 - *Volunteers contribute in excess of 5,000 hours
 - *Offer Family Connections: Skate Nights, Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Movie Night, Spring Stampede, Family Literacy Night, etc.
 - *Provide Terra Recycle participation
 - *Offer Military Connections: Hugs for Heroes, Fort Jackson Lunch & Learn, Camo Care Packages
 - *Career Day
 - *Field Studies provided a minimum of four (4) times per grade level per year