School Organizations

School Improvement Council

Danielle Snyder—Parent/Chairperson

Titania Frazier —Parent
Brandon Johnson— Parent
Stephanie Adams—Parent
James Andrews— Community Representative
Dr. Willie Thompson Jr.— Community Representative
Timothy Murr—Community Representative
Megan Michener—Teacher
Susie Verzwyvelt —Teacher
Jennifer Gillespie—Ex-Officio/Principal

Parent Teacher Organization

Tia Jones—Ex-Officio/AP

Marion Kelly- Ex-Officio/AP

Rebecca Sanderson—President
Kesha McKelvey— Vice President
Sade Wilson—Treasurer
Jaquisha Eaves—Secretary
Kenya Battle — Event Coordinator
Mary Katherine Lostetter— Volunteer Coordinator
Jessica Zielinski—Teacher
Lanna Whitener—Teacher

School Activities

Flag Patrol

Morning News Show

Chorus

Steel Pans

Kindness Club

DARE

Good News Club

Veterans Day Activities

Month of the Military Child

Black History Month

Read Across America

Readers Challenge

Related Arts Extensions

Foster Grandparent Program

Extended School Day

Student Art Show

Field Day/Magic Show

Family Bingo Night

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Catawba Trail Elementary



Many Paths to the Future 2022–2023

Jennifer Gillespie, Principal
Tia Jones—Assistant Principal
Marion Kelly—Assistant Principal

1080 Old National Highway Elgin, SC 29045 (803) 699-3501

School Hours: 7:10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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Mission Statement

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

School Highlights

Accomplishments:

2 Department of Defense Grants

State Report Card Rating - Excellent

PTO Boosterthon Fun Run Raised Over \$25K

Service Learning:

Principal's Heart Challenge
Walk for Life

Military Letter Writing Campaign

Partnerships

USC Professional Development School

Oak Grove Baptist Church

Hope Baptist Church



School Information

Student Enrollment

623 Students (PreK-5)

41% African American 24% White 26% Hispanic < 1% Asian

21% Military Connected Family Members

< 1% Two or More Races

National Board Certified Teachers:

Danielle Snyder

LaTanya Shuler

Linda Phipps

Jennifer Nocella

Elena Evangelista

Melissa McCloskey

School Goals for 2023-2024

- Maintain a positive school culture through the use of a common language for students, faculty, staff, and parents through 7 Mindsets curriculum.
- Continue using AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) strategies in grades
 K-5 to increase college and career readiness.
- Increase students' reading comprehension by providing small group instruction to meet individual needs of students.
- Promote closer connections between school and home by fostering participation and awareness of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the School Improvement Council (SIC).
- Increase the percentage of students satisfied with the social and physical environment at CTE.
- Develop a passion for reading and writing with our students.