

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

- Family Math & Reading Nights
- PTO Family Night
- Family Bingo Night
- Sneaker Ball
- Special Olympics
- STEM Night: Under the Stars
- Skating Through Financial Literacy
- Touchdown with Dads Day
- TRAILMATES Community Mentoring
- Parent Workshops and Engagement Sessions

Strengthening the connection between school, home, and community.

TRAILBLAZING PARTNERSHIPS

- Ft. Jackson Military Partnership
- University of South Carolina PDS Program
- SCETV Literacy Initiatives
- Veterans Last Patrol & VA Hospital
- Empowering Justice Foundation
- Local Churches and Community Organizations
- Business Partners supporting staff and students
- Alex English Let's Share Foundation

CORE BELIEFS

On the Trail, We Believe

- Every Colt Counts
- Relationships Matter
- We Aim High
- We Never Give Up
- Purpose Guides Us
- Everyone Belongs
- Together We're Stronger



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC) MEMBERS:

- **Lothario Johnson**, Parent/Chair
- **Amber Gifford** -Teacher
- **Martisha Lacroix** - Parent
- **Ashly Shaver** - School Staff/Parent
- **Sylvia Thomas** - Parent
- **Lanna Whitener** -Teacher
- **Woodrow Jones** - Community Rep
- **Willie Thompson** - Community Rep
- **Russell Wells** - Community Rep
- **Tia Jones**, Ex Officio/Principal
- **Eryl Smalls**, Ex-Officio/AP
- **Jessica Wilkins**, Ex-Officio/AP

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) MEMBERS:

- **Mary Katherine Lostetter** - President
- **Jannifer Quiles** - Vice President
- **Chris Love** - Treasurer
- **Kourtney Martin** - Secretary
- **Sarah Whitelock** - Event Coordinator
- **Macie Fitzgerald** - Teacher
- **Jogie Love** - Teacher
- **Michaela McDowell** - Teacher
- **LaTanya Shuler** - Teacher

GET INVOLVED

We invite our families and community to partner with us:

- Volunteer or mentor
- Join PTO or SIC
- Support school events
- Share your expertise

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On the Trail, we lead with purpose, grow with intention, and create endless possibilities.



Catawba Trail

Elementary School
Many Paths to the Future



Catawba Trail Elementary School

2025–2026
School Improvement Council
Annual Report

Many Paths. One Trail.
Endless Possibilities.

Our Mission

In partnership with our community, we cultivate Relationships first, Rigor always, and Resilience forever—preparing learners who are ready for anything.

Our Vision

Catawba Trail Elementary is a vibrant school where everyone is connected, challenged, and confident to lead into the future.

About Our School

Catawba Trail Elementary is a thriving learning community serving students in Pre-K through fifth grade. This year, our school has grown to approximately 710 students, reflecting the strength and trust of our community. We proudly serve a diverse population, including many military-connected families, and remain committed to developing the whole child—academically, socially, and emotionally. At CTE, we believe every person deserves to feel seen, valued, and empowered. Through strong relationships, purposeful instruction, and a focus on resilience, we create a school culture where learners are connected, challenged, and confident to lead into the future.

A Message from Our Principal

At Catawba Trail Elementary, this year has been defined by **purpose, progress, and possibility.**

Together, we have strengthened our culture, elevated student voice, and deepened academic achievement. Our students are growing, our staff is leading with intention, and our families and community continue to partner with us in meaningful ways.

We are especially proud of the ways our students are stepping into leadership—demonstrating confidence, character, and a commitment to excellence. From classrooms to clubs, and through service and mentorship, our Colts are learning what it means to lead with purpose.

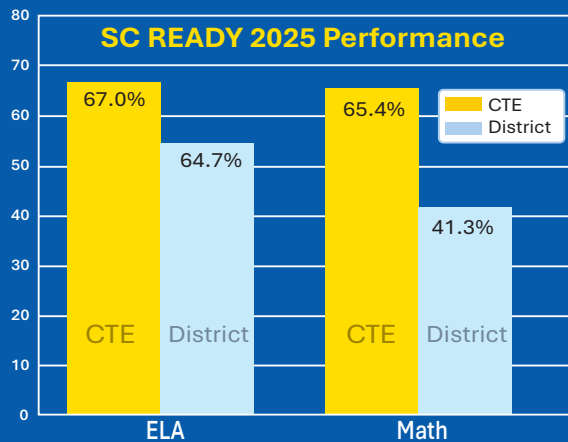
As we continue this journey, our focus remains clear: **Relationships first. Rigor always. Resilience forever. Results that matter.**

Thank you for being a part of our Colt community. Together, we are creating pathways for success and preparing learners who are truly ready for anything.

— Dr. Tia Jones, Principal

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

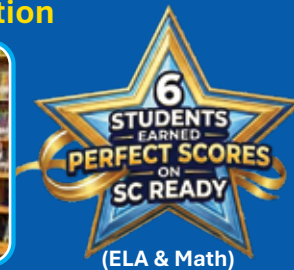
At Catawba Trail Elementary, our focus on **intentional instruction, targeted support, and high expectations** continues to drive measurable student growth.



Growth in Student Achievement

- Continued upward growth in both ELA and Math
- Gains across multiple student groups
- Sustained improvement over multiple years

Excellence in Action



School Report Card Highlights

- Overall Rating: Good (2025)
- Academic Achievement Rating: EXCELLENT (increased from Good)

Intentional teaching. Purposeful learning. Measurable results.

SIC GOALS (MAINTAINED & ACHIEVED)

- Cultivate a positive school culture
- Enhance college and career readiness
- Boost academic achievement through targeted instruction
- Strengthen family and community engagement
- Empower student leadership

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

- Student Council (newly established)
- Safety Patrol
- Flag Patrol
- TRAILMATES Mentoring Program
- Student Leadership Recognitions

Student Clubs & Activities (School-Sponsored)

- STEMtastic Colts Club
- Chorus
- Modern Band
- Art Club
- Running Club

Enrichment (Fee-Based):

- Cheer
- Dance
- Karate

