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TEGA CAY ELEMENTARY

23-24 School Improvement Council | Report to Parents

ALL TITANS WILL STRIVE TO MEET ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS, WHILE PROVIDING A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE IS KNOWN AND VALUED.

Learning and Growing Together Every Day!

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Nestled in the heart of the Tega Cay peninsula, Tega Cay Elementary is a designated Collective Leadership School through the South Carolina Department of Education. One of the key elements of this initiative is to cultivate leadership in both our Titan staff and students. Through vulnerable collaboration, we build strong relationships that fuel our mission of learning and growing together every day. Our dedicated and trained staff provide exceptional, individualized learning experiences using a comprehensive three-tiered model called Ci3T. This model addresses students' academic, behavioral, and social needs, ensuring all students receive the support they need to succeed.



THIS REPORT IS ISSUED BY THE TEGA CAY ELEMENTARY 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.

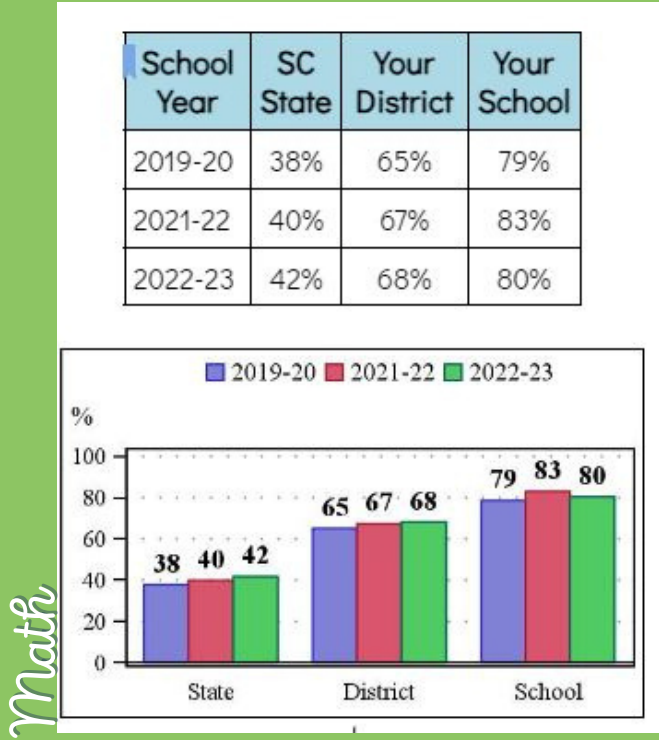
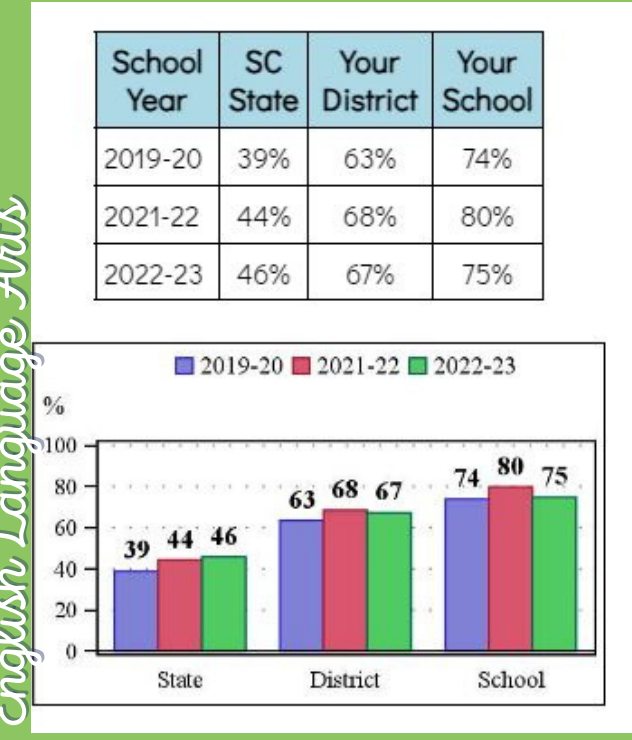
Brigitte Wagner, Principal

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ACCORDING TO THE NICHE STUDY, TCES WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE #5 PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SOUTH CAROLINA!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND AN INTENTIONAL FOCUS ON STUDENT GROWTH



THE 22-23 SC READY DATA CHARTS (ABOVE) SHOW OUR 3RD THROUGH 5TH GRADERS CONTINUE TO OUTPERFORM BOTH THE DISTRICT AND STATE AVERAGES IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) AND MATH, WITH A SCORE OF "MET" OR "ABOVE."

Additional accolades surrounding student achievement include the following: Spring 2024 STAR Data shows 84.5% of students scored at or above the district benchmark for proficiency in reading. 90.7% of students scored at or above the district benchmark for proficiency in math.

TEGA CAY'S EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT BODY: LEADERS IN THE MAKING

Tega Cay Elementary fosters a diverse, respectful, and hardworking community of future leaders, known as our "Titan" students. Guided by the IROCC CORE Values – Integrity, Relationships, Open-mindedness, Commitment, and Compassion – students develop positive character traits. Through the Ci3T Behavior Expectation Matrix, students who meet expectations earn Titan Tickets, redeemable for exciting incentives.



Leadership opportunities abound in Titan Country! Students can participate in and lead various clubs hosted by our active Parent Teacher Organization or staff members. While these vary by year, during the 2023-2024 school year, these include the following: Chess Club, Volleyball, Writing Club, Girls on the Run, Let Me Run, Robotics Club, Battle of the Books (current District Champs), and IROCC House Ambassadors. Additionally, our Collective Leadership Team fosters collaboration through Classroom Connections, pairing homerooms from different grades for projects and activities. These enriching experiences create connections and foster exceptionalism within our student body.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR
DISTRICT HONOR ROLL TEACHER

Britney Brownshield
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER



SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Tiffany Vicars
KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT

BUILDING LEADERS AND CULTIVATING A WORLD-CLASS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Our dedicated teachers and staff foster authentic learning environments. These student-driven classrooms encourage teamwork, critical thinking, and a willingness to take risks. This approach lays the foundation for students to develop the world-class skills, knowledge, and character outlined in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Through this collaborative process, teachers have opportunities to: share best practices across grade levels; work to create a positive school culture; build strong relationships and celebrate each other's contributions. These collaborative efforts empower our teachers and staff to work as a cohesive unit, ultimately benefiting our students' learning and growth.



BUILDING A STRONGER HOUSE SYSTEM: FIVE HOUSES, ONE HOME, TITAN COUNTRY

In August 2021, we launched the Titan House System, fostering character, camaraderie, and positive behavior within our school family. Each student and staff member belongs to one of five Houses, representing our core values. This year, we focused on strengthening the sense of community alongside individual house spirit. We adopted the motto "Five Houses, One Home, Titan Country!" This was exemplified by our houses working together to support each other's chosen philanthropies, including the York County Humane Society, Lion's Club of Tega Cay, Special Olympics, Little Libraries in Tega Cay and Fort Mill, and the Fort Mill Care Center. For instance, in partnership with the Lion's Club of Tega Cay, students in grades kindergarten, second, and fourth created cards for an assisted living facility while students in first, third, and fifth, stuffed Easter Eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This collaborative effort demonstrates how the House System unites students across grade levels for a common goal. The House System has become a cornerstone of our school culture, and we look forward to its continued positive impact.



BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS: ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

Tega Cay Elementary is fortunate to be part of a supportive and caring community. We actively strengthen partnerships through our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), School Improvement Council (SIC), and community outreach efforts. We encourage families to volunteer in school, attend events and spirit nights, and partner with teachers and staff for student success! Because of our close proximity to the students our school serves, each month our school hosts a Walk, Bike, Roll to School event where we partner with the Tega Cay Police and Fire Departments for Cocoa with the PoPo and Fist Bumps with Fire Fighters. This year our PTO partnered with the Town of Fort Mill and competed in the Annual Scarecrow Crawl, with our mascot, Titus! During one of our Spirit Nights, our students were able to take a picture with Titus to be entered into a drawing for our School's Book Vending Machine. Lastly, one of our favorite events each year is our Veterans Day Breakfast where we recognize family members having served as well as the Tega Cay Veterans Association. By fostering strong partnerships within Tega Cay, we create a richer learning environment for our students.

