

Family & Community Involvement

Angel Tree – Families donate food for Thanksgiving and Christmas presents for students and families in need.

Backpack Buddies -- Providing weekly food to families in need.

Boosterthon -- Schoolwide fundraiser that focuses on character development. Yielded over \$31,000 this year.

Business Partners – Partners donate for the school's leadership initiative.

Career Fair – Annual event directed by our School Counselor bringing in 35-40 business and community members to share their careers with the students. This year it was held virtually.

Gardening Initiative -- Schoolwide standards-based gardening initiative that focuses on delivering instruction in an engaging manner while giving back to the community.

HELP of Beaufort – Food Collection Drive for the community.

HOP for Leukemia -- Yearly fundraiser honoring a former Coosa student.

LINKS – Annual program for military impacted students.

Military Family Liaison Consultant – A licensed mental health professional working with military students and families.

River of Words – Affiliation with the National River of Words initiative, which teaches students the value of protecting our environment by connecting nature and the arts. Student artwork and poetry are submitted for publication.

United Way – Annual participation in the fundraising campaign.

About Our School

Coosa Elementary is honored to be the flagship Leader in Me School in Beaufort County, the 12th elementary school in South Carolina, and one of the Leader In Me Schools internationally to have been honored with Lighthouse status based on Dr. Stephen R. Covey's books, *The Leader in Me* and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

2020-2021 PARENT SURVEY SUMMARY		
<i>Thank you, parents, for your participation. A total of 239 surveys were received.</i>		
My child feels successful at school.		
Academically	94.1%	95.4%
Socially/Emotionally	96.7%	
Our family feels welcomed at Coosa.		
- Front office/reception	98.3%	98.5%
- Administration	98.7%	
- Classroom	N/A (COVID Restriction)	
- School events	N/A (COVID Restriction)	
We are satisfied with learning in all content areas.		
- Reading/Language Arts	97.9%	98.8%
- Math	98.7%	
- Science	99.5%	
- Social Studies	98.7%	
- Related Arts	99.1%	
- Technology is adequately integrated.		
My child feels safe in areas around the school.		
Safety procedures are adequate.		
I receive adequate communication from the school. (Administration, teachers)		
Administration	100%	98.1%
Classroom Teachers	96.2%	
Overall Satisfaction at Coosa		
98.2%		

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School Improvement Council Report to Parents Coosa Elementary School 2020-2021



Home of the Bobcats



The
Leader in Me™

great happens here

**An Update on the
Progress of Our
School Renewal Plan**

Melissa Pender, Principal

Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

The Mission of Coosa Elementary School

Growing great leaders who dream more, learn more, achieve more, and become more...

What is the School Improvement Council?

Mandated by law, the School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory group to the CES principal and faculty. The SIC plays a crucial role in school improvement by bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders who work collectively to establish, monitor and evaluate specific long-range goals (School Renewal Plan) for student achievement. Other duties include producing the annual report to parents which outlines the progress of that plan and advising on the use of school incentive awards.

Ex-Officio

Melissa Pender, Principal
Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

Community Members

Robert Sabota
Judy Winslow

Parent Members

Maryanne Harrelson, SIC Chair
Madalyn Sandstrom, Vice-Chair
Earl Doe, Secretary

Teacher Members

Stephen Cruikshank
Marjorie Isley

Our School's Achievements

- Excellent Rating on S.C. School Report Card 2019
- Achieved Lighthouse Academic Distinction 2018-2019, 2019-2020
- Renewed "Lighthouse Status" as a Leader In Me School 2018, 2020
- State Dept. of Ed. Palmetto Gold Award 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2018
- 4 of our teachers are Nationally Board Certified
- 17 of our teachers are Gifted Endorsed Teachers
- 7 of our teachers are Read to Succeed Certified
- Established a National Elementary Honor Society Chapter 2020
- Addition of the outdoor classroom 2018
- Schoolwide SIOP training for the faculty 2020
- Leader in Me Symposium-Showcase School 2020
- Beautification Project-Addition of outdoor games 2018

Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP Testing is used to show a student's academic progress in school. These assessments include Reading and Math. The table below shows the percentage of Coosa students at or above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT.

Math		
Fall 2020	Winter 2021	Spring 2021
50.00%	80.30%	N/A
51.90%	67.90%	N/A
52.60%	63.80%	N/A
75.70%	76.70%	73.70%
68.80%	72.30%	72.10%
61.00%	61.00%	62.20%

Reading		
Fall 2020	Winter 2021	Spring 2021
33.30%	75.40%	N/A
44.40%	59.30%	N/A
52.60%	58.60%	N/A
75.70%	79.50%	80.30%
76.60%	78.50%	80.30%
64.90%	74.40%	67.60%

SC READY 2019

The table below shows the percentage of Coosa students who "Met" or "Exceeded" expectations for the 2018-2019 school year. Only 3rd-5th grade students are tested.

	SC READY ELA	SC READY MATH
3rd Grade	55.8%	75.3%
4th Grade	68.7%	70.1%
5th Grade	57.3%	72%

* SCREADY not administered in the Spring 2020.

Innovative Learning & Resources

Artsonia — Coosa student artwork is displayed online in a Student Art Gallery at artsonia.com. Our gallery continues to grow. Currently, there are more than 19,500 works of student art published on our Artsonia gallery. We have had almost 55,000 visitors to the site. For busy families and family members far away, it is a great way to see what our students at Coosa are doing in the art room.

Brain Boosters — A 1st and 2nd grade curriculum resource that encourages critical thinking and problem solving.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) — Classes designed to challenge qualifying 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

Instructional Coach — Our instructional coach focuses on teacher professional development and teaching "best practices".

Literacy Intervention Teachers — Two certified teachers provide intensive small group and individual reading instruction for struggling students. This year we had 3 additional interventionists for a portion of the school year.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Focus — We are focused on integrating hands-on activities and learning experiences in the classroom across all content areas.

Technology:

- Interactive Boards in all classrooms
- K-2 students have iPads
- 3-5 students have HP laptops
- Computer Lab
- STEM Lab
- Various applications on all devices

The Leader in Me and school-wide Positive Based

Intervention System (PBIS) — Coosa promotes building a force of future leaders who possess the core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity.

Demographics

- 436 Students in Grades PK - 5
- 40 Certified faculty members
- 63% Certified faculty members with advanced degrees
- 12 Classified staff members