

## RIVER TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2024 - 2025

An Update on the Progress of Our School Improvement Strategic Plan

Savannah Steger, Principal  
Sarah Baird, Assistant Principal  
Katrinia Wilkerson, Assistant Principal

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Savannah Steger, Principal  
Sarah Baird, Asst Principal  
Katrinia Wilkerson, Asst Principal  
Brennan Roberts, Lead Teacher  
Merri Martin, Teacher  
Brooke Smith, Teacher  
Mandy Shamblin, Teacher  
Reagan Taylor, Teacher

#### MEMBERS:

Shannon Brown, community  
Debbie Houser, community  
Adam Metz, parent  
Erica Yale, parent



## MISSION

We prepare all students with  
the skills and mindset to

**THRIVE & IMPACT**

The **WORLD**.

#### Purpose of the report:

This report is issued by River Trail 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.

The goal of the River Trail Elementary School Improvement Council is to increase parental and community involvement with the school to cultivate an atmosphere of academic achievement and foster the educational environment for all students.

#### Enrollment Grades K – 5

Total: 708

Male: 393

Female: 315

#### STAR TESTING RESULTS:

Star testing is used in Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade education to help teachers understand student growth and achievement.

	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark <b>Winter 2021-2022</b>	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark <b>Winter 2022-2023</b>	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark <b>Winter 2023-2024</b>	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark <b>Winter 2024-2025</b>
Early Literacy	85.0%	93.9%	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>89%</b>
Math	84.5%	89.9%	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>88.0%</b>
Reading	75.9%	80.5%	<b>87.7%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>

#### Donors & Grants

RTES had multiple teachers receive funds from Donors Choose grants for Language Arts, Classroom Management, Atmosphere, STEM and Classroom Behavior.

#### Student Accomplishments

RTES is proud of the multiple students that scored perfectly on their SC Ready tests in Spring 2024.

River Trail Elementary maintains its  
**Lighthouse Designation**  
from Blue Ribbon Schools for Excellence, Inc.



## Professional Development

- Mrs. Martin presented at the following conferences: OEC PE Conference in Rock Hill, SC; SCAHPERD state Conference in North Myrtle Beach, SC; NAHPL National Summit in Newport, Rhode Island.
- Mrs. Martin led a Professional Development Live Webinar for SC PE Teachers across the state.
- Mrs. Martin served as the FMSD PE Chair for the Physical Education OEC Netserv where we planned and led a Professional Development All Day Conference for over 300 PE Teachers across 9 school districts.
- Mrs. Shamblin served as a GT alignment leader for 4th grade ELA

## Conferences

- Mrs. Steger, Mrs. Slovonick, Ms. Wilkerson, Mrs. Yates, Ms. Evenson and Mrs. Roberts attended the Behavior Solutions 1 Day Training
- Mrs. Steger, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Brailsford, Mrs. Reese, Ms. Hurin, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. DeSanctis and Mrs. Reagan Taylor attended the Blue Ribbon Conference
- Ms. Schauer attended the SC Art Education Conference
- The Behavior Solutions Conference was attended by Mrs. Flis, Mr. Skramstad, Mr. Arman, and Mrs. Martin
- Mrs. Flis attended the SC Association of School Psychologists conference.
- Mrs. Barwick, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Bolling, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Regan Taylor, Mrs. Borrer and Ms. Boland all attended a PLC Conference
- Mrs. Martin attended the National PE Institute, SCAHPERD State Conference, NAHPL National Summit and the OEC PE Conference

## Additional Coursework

- Graduate Program- Literacy Coaching/ESOL- Clemson University- Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Wright
- Graduate Program - M.Ed in Special Education - Clemson University – Ms. Boland
- Shifting the Balance FMSD 8/24-4/25 – Mrs. Gamble
- National Board Candidates - Schauer and Martin
- Certification in Archery Instruction & CPR - Martin

## School & Community Events

- Schoolwide Clubs
- Fall Festival
- Fall & Spring Book Fair
- Veteran's Day Breakfast
- Tiger Kim Tae Kwon Do After School Camp
- SC Honor Choir
- Red Ribbon Week
- Read Across America
- Winter Wonderland
- Boosterthon
- The Otter News Show
- Otter Outlet
- Safety Patrol
- Monthly Spirit Nights
- 4th/5th Grade Talent Show
- Spring Dance
- Otter Ensemble Performance at Fort Mill Town Tree Lighting, Strawberry Festival, Community Choir Night & Veterans Day
- SC Ready Pep Rally
- Grade Level Community Service Projects
- Rotary Club Literacy Picnic
- Therapy Dog Visits for Student & Staff
- Star Students

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## Special Programs & Fundraisers

- River Rock Church Partnership
- Kids Heart Challenge raised \$16,018.33
- Ms. Evenson and Mr. S hosted lunch bunch groups that focused on confidence, self-control & SEL