

RIVER TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2025 - 2026

An Update on the Progress of Our School Improvement Strategic Plan

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Savannah Steger, Principal
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Brennan Roberts, Lead Teacher
Alexandria Willets, Teacher
Samantha Rigby, Teacher

MEMBERS:

Shannon Brown, community
Debbie Houser, community
Destiny Jenkins, Chair
Kellie Newell, parent
Kristen Rodriguez, 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: 706

Male: 384

Female: 322

STAR TESTING RESULTS:

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

	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark Winter 2022 - 2023	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark Winter 2023 - 2024	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark Winter 2024 - 2025	Percentage of Students Meeting District's Proficiency Benchmark Winter 2025 - 2026
Early Literacy	93.9%	93.2%	89%	90%
Math	89.9%	93.5%	88%	89.5%
Reading	80.5%	87.7%	88.1%	93.4%

Donors & Grants

RTES had multiple teachers receive funds from Donors Choose grants for Language Arts, Classroom Management, Atmosphere, STEM and Classroom Behavior. South Carolina Arts Commission awarded \$600 for Art Professional Development

Student Accomplishments

RTES is proud of the multiple students that scored perfectly on their SC Ready tests in Spring 2025. 23 Students were entered into the district-wide art show and 13 students were selected for SC Honors Choir

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





**MODEL
PLC at WORK®
SCHOOL**

River Trail was
named a Solution
Tree Model PLC at
Work school in 2026

Professional Development

- Teachers and admin implemented Behavior Essential Standards and conducted data meetings that included 2 school-wide behavior assemblies
- 80% of RTES Certified Staff are LETRS certified and an additional 15% are currently in training.

Conferences

- Mrs. Burns - South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Education
- Mrs. Martin - Attended and Presented 3 sessions at SCAHPERD
- Ms. Schauer - Presented at the South Carolina Art Teachers Association and National Art Teacher Conference in Chicago
- Ms. Schauer - Attended The Art of Ed Conference in Summer & Winter
- Attended ELA PLC conference: Heather Lewis, Samantha Rigby, Jennifer Brailsford, Ashley Cook, Maddie Andrews

Awards

- Mrs. Martin – PE was named SCAPES (SC Association of Physical Education and Sport) -a division of SCAHPERD Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year
- 1st Place among FMSD schools for Kids Heart Challenge

Additional Coursework

- Graduate Program - M.Ed. in Learning Design & Technology – Winthrop University - Terryn Whaley
- Graduate Program - M.Ed. in Special Education – Clemson University - Paige Boland
- Certification Add-on Licensure - School Administration – University of NC at Wilmington - Lexi Willets
- National Board Candidates – Jennifer Brailsford, Reagan Taylor, Carissa Sugden, Emma Burns, and Kristen Schauer

School & Community Events

- RTES participated in a day of service that packaged over 50,000 meals for families in Cuba
- Professional Artist Reggie Laurent Visit and art collaboration
- Visiting Author - Books by Dennis Mathew
- Schoolwide Clubs
- Fall & Spring Book Fair
- Veteran's Day Breakfast
- Boosterthon
- Safety Patrol
- Otter Spotter/Star Student/Outstanding Otter
- Winter Wonderland
- 4th/5th Grade Talent Show
- Otter Ensemble Performance at Fort Mill Town Tree Lighting, Strawberry Festival, Community Choir Night & Veterans Day
- Therapy Dog Visits for Students & Staff
- All Pro Dads
- Red Ribbon Week
- Read Across America
- Otter Outlet
- Spirit Nights
- Rotary Club Literacy Picnic
- World Down Syndrome Sock Day
- 2nd grade swim lessons at the YMCA
- Literacy Night/Glowing Art Show
- Art Madness with faculty, students, and parent involvement
- 2nd Grade / High School Art Collaboration with a visit from HS artist
- Math Olympiad

Special Programs & Fundraisers

- River Rock Church Partnership
- Kids Heart Challenge raised \$16,817
- Ms. Evenson and Mr. S hosted lunch bunch groups that focused on confidence, self-control, & SEL
- Tab Wars for Ronald McDonald House and Coin Wars for Isaiah House