

**School Improvement Council
Members**

Amanda Anderson, Teacher
 Rosalind Banks, Title I Advisory Council Rep.
 Johnny Broome, Community Member
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 Louis Brown, Community Member
 James Carraway, Assistant Principal
 Maxine Bowens, Teacher
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 Renee Murray, Teacher
 Elaine Norton, Principal
 Colleen Morrissey, Teacher
 David Simmons, Community Member
 Erica VanBeek, Teacher
 Melissa Williams, Teacher

School Improvement Council (SIC) serves the school principal and faculty in an advisory role, bringing together parents, educators, students, and community stakeholders to collaborate on the improvement of their local school.



2015 ACT Aspire Results

ACT Aspire Writing

Grade	% Exceeding and Ready
3	2.2%
4	4.0%
5	8.2%

ACT Aspire Reading

Grade	% Exceeding and Ready
3	8.1%
4	21.6%
5	17.2%

ACT Aspire Math

Grade	% Exceeding and Ready
3	36.8%
4	23.5%
5	20.3%



**St. Stephen Elementary
School**
 Annual School Summary Report
 2015-2016



**The Home of the Rams Who Are
Respectful, Responsible, and Ready**

Dr. Elaine Norton, Principal
 Mr. James Carraway, Assistant Principal
 Ms. Rosalind Banks, Title I Facilitator
 Ms. Erica VanBeek, Literacy Coach

2015 SSE Teacher of the Year

Principal's Message

St. Stephen Elementary School is a Leader in Me Lighthouse school that believes in the adage that all children can learn and achieve high levels of academic success. We believe that, through collegial and cooperative efforts within the school community, we will be able to educate the whole child and bring about sustained academic excellence for every child. Passion and commitment are the traits that are emphasized throughout school community and students know that excellence is expected.

High expectations, active engagement, reflection, sharing, relevant learning and student accountability are the conditions set forth for students.

Although we are not where we want to be, we are making gains overall in student achievement. We will continue to strive for excellence daily.

Dr. Elaine Norton



Our Mission:

Building upon our rich **Lowcountry traditions**, we will ignite, in every student a passion for life long learning. Through dynamic instruction, creative partnerships and exceptional support, we will foster the opportunity for each student to build a **legacy of success**.

Goal #1 To increase the percentage of students scoring met or exemplary on the state-wide assessment.

Goal #2: To create a learning environment that promotes critical thinking and positive decision making.

To achieve these goals, the administration and staff will:

- Increase the reading levels of students
- Provide an academically rigorous curriculum
- Establish and maintain high expectations
- Implement the Leader in Me initiative



Programs and Activities

Programs and initiatives that are being implemented at SSE that qualified as "best practices" in the educational community are listed below:

- Leader In Me Lighthouse School
- Terrific Kids
- Computer Assisted Instruction
- Full-Time Technology Lab Instructor
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Full-day Child Development and Kindergarten classes
- Mentor Program
- Golden Tones Chorus
- Oratorical Contest
- Annual School Pageant
- Morning News Show
- Roscoe Reading Program
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program
- Gifted and Talented Academic Program
- Green Heart Project
- MUSC Boening Center for Wellness
- 21st Century After school