



Faculty/Staff Recognition

- TransformSC School
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Nationally Certified Clinical Speech Therapists
- USDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant
- Food & Security Grant
- Visual Arts Grant
- Dick Horne Grants
- G. E. M. (Going the Extra Mile) Honorees
- Special Olympic/Unified Champion School
- District Teacher of the Year
- WLTX Teacher of the Week



School Improvement Council

Dr. Shuniqua Hart, **Chair**

Crystal Williams, **Vice Chair**

Roscoe Mitchell, **Secretary**

Annette Wannamaker, Teacher of the Year

Dr. Melissa Peeples

Fred Mack

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Katrina Pondexter

Parent Teacher Organization

Eloise Guinyard, **President**

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Dr. Shuniqua Hart, **Secretary**

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Title One

2023-2024

School Summary Report



The mission of Calhoun County Public Schools is to empower all students to compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society.

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St. Matthews K-8 School was committed to “Building a Foundation for Academic Success” as the core driver of its instructional goals for the previous school year. Their focus was on minimizing non-instructional distractions to maximize learning opportunities for all students. Through this approach, the school aimed to identify and leverage strengths while targeting areas for growth, thereby fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

The school’s mission revolved around empowering students to compete and succeed in a global society by instilling Cardinal Character traits and promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Teachers employed research-based, individualized instruction aligned with SC Ready standards to cater to the diverse needs of every student.

Ultimately, St. Matthews K-8 School strived to nurture well-rounded students who were academically, socially, and emotionally confident, equipping them to excel on a global scale. Their unwavering commitment to doing what’s best for children underscored their dedication to fostering a supportive and enriching learning environment.

2023- 2024 Initiatives

Teachers continue to utilize research-based, rigorous, and effective instruction that is aligned to the SC Ready standards in order to meet the needs of all students.

- ☑ Ninety minutes of daily literacy instruction
- ☑ Embedded enrichment period
- ☑ Project-based Learning
- ☑ Personalized Learning
- ☑ Learner Profiles
- ☑ Visible Learning
- ☑ Social Emotional Learning
- ☑ Flexible Content Tools and Assessments
- ☑ Balanced Literacy with Technology
- ☑ School-wide writing
- ☑ Coding & STEM
- ☑ Afterschool Enrichment Program
- ☑ PIT (Personalized Instruction Tuesdays)

Community Outreach

- ☐ Adopt a Family
- ☐ Volunteers Outreach Program
- ☐ Partnerships with OC Tech
- ☐ Voorhees University
- ☐ Town of St. Matthews
- ☐ Teacher Cadets from CCHS
- ☐ JROTC Cadets from CCHS
- ☐ Calhoun Cares
- ☐ Local Churches and Businesses Donation
- ☐ Rotary Club Partnership
- ☐ SCSU 1890 Research/Extension Program
- ☐ Calhoun County Library
- ☐ Clemson Cooperative Extension Program
- ☐ School Gardens for SC Educators
- ☐ Local Sororities and Fraternities
- ☐ Power On Afterschool Program
- ☐ WINGS for Kids
- ☐ Community Service Projects



Highlights

- ☐ Carolina Panther’s Back to School Encouragement Rally
- ☐ Visit from the State Superintendent of Education Ellen Weaver
- ☐ National Jr. Beta Club Inductees
- ☐ Cardinal News Team
- ☐ Student Council
- ☐ Honors Academy
- ☐ Financial Literacy Winner
- ☐ Soaring Readers of the Month
- ☐ Cardinal of the Month
- ☐ iReady Recognition