

Our Mission

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

Calhoun County School District Board Members

Gary Porth, Chair
Kevin Jenkins, Vice-Chair
Debra Fredrick, Secretary
Sandra Tucker
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St. Matthews K-8 2017 - 2018 Initiatives:

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

- ◆ **Implement ninety minutes of reading instruction for all students.**
- ◆ **Implement reading strategies and integrated reading software.**

The school will engage families in academic family nights and host parent workshops.



Empower. Compete. Succeed

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Accelerated Reading
- ◆ Accelerated Math
- ◆ Middle School Chorus
- ◆ Band and Honor Band
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ Morning News Teams
- ◆ Character Student of the Month
- ◆ After-School Enrichment
- ◆ Gifted & Talented Program
- ◆ Montessori Program
- ◆ Black History Month Celebration
- ◆ Veterans' Day Recognition
- ◆ IXL
- ◆ Tutorials
- ◆ Study Island
- ◆ AIMS Web
- ◆ First In Math
- ◆ Empower 3000
- ◆ Field Trips
- ◆ Athletic Program
- ◆ Star & Superstar Readers
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ S.O.S. Boys Club
- ◆ Read Across America
- ◆ Reading Eggs
- ◆ StarFall
- ◆ Gateway to Technology
- ◆ Walk to School
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ High School Computer Course
- ◆ DARE
- ◆ Jr. Beta Club
- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ Science Fest
- ◆ R.I.D.D.E
- ◆ Academic Nights
- ◆ ESOL
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Geek Fest
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Advisement
- ◆ Brain Pop
- ◆ Book Character Costume Day
- ◆ Discovery Education
- ◆ Author's Visits
- ◆ Science Lab
- ◆ Flag Detail
- ◆ Cyber Bullying Workshops
- ◆ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◆ Algebra I
- ◆ English I
- ◆ Literacy Coach Grant
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ Cyberbullying workshop
- ◆ Hispanic Heritage Month
- ◆ One-to-One School
- ◆ Bullying Workshop

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be the premier, competitive school district recognized globally for embracing the needs of each student.



OUR BELIEFS

We believe...

- ◆ **in establishing and maintaining high expectations for all students.**
- ◆ **in technology being an integral part of our instructional program for success in a global society.**
- ◆ **in every student being responsible for his/her choices and actions.**
- ◆ **in providing challenging and rigorous experiences to develop confident and competent students.**
- ◆ **in an environment that encourages all to appreciate diversity.**
- ◆ **in change providing opportunities for academic, social, and personal growth.**
- ◆ **in student learning and success being a chief priority.**
- ◆ **in fostering cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders to promote engaging learning experiences.**

Our School

Currently, 673 students are enrolled.

Community Outreach

- ◇ Canned Food Drive
- ◇ Adopt a Family at Christmas
- ◇ Veterans' Day Appreciation
- ◇ Family Burn-Out Relief Fund
- ◇ Backpack Program
- ◇ Volunteers Outreach Program
- ◇ Partnership with OCTech Education Dept.
- ◇ Teacher Cadets from CCHS
- ◇ Calhoun Cares
- ◇ Local Churches and Businesses Donations
- ◇ Claflin Talent Search Partnership
- ◇ Rotary Club Partnership
- ◇ SCSU 1890 Research and Extension Program
- ◇ SCSU Consortium of the Arts
- ◇ St. Matthews Parish Church
- ◇ Calhoun Convalescent Center
- ◇ Grandparents Day Appreciation
- ◇ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◇ Calhoun County Library
- ◇ Clemson Cooperative Extension Program
- ◇ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- ◇ Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Columbia Fireflies Reading Program
- ◇ One School ,One Book Initiative
- ◇ Donors Choose Program
- ◇ Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Dick Horne Foundation
- ◇ Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- ◇ Doughnuts for Dad
- ◇ Muffins for Mom

School Improvement Council

Dante Kinley, **Chair**
Olivia Smith, **Secretary**

Barry Charley
Doretha Jones
Shakeila Izlar
Zachary Pough

Melissa Peeples
Tamika Fordham
Jeri Jeffcoat



School Summary Report

2016-2017

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Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent

Mr. Barry Charley, Principal

Dr. Melissa Peeples, Assistant Principal

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accredited by the Southern Association of
Colleges and Schools.*

St. Matthews K-8 is a Title I School



Recognitions

**St. Matthews K-8 is a Palmetto
Silver Reward School**



**Nationally Certified Clinically Competent
Speech Therapist**

Kandi Young and Courtney Dixon

**Recipient of The SC Chamber of Commerce
Homework Center Grant Grades 2nd-5th**

USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

Visual Arts Grant

Calhoun County District Teacher of the Year

Tamika Fordham

Dick Horne Foundation Grant Recipients

Chanell Dingle	Janice Smith
Germaine Fields	Matilda-Snell-Kinsey
Tamika Fordham	Carolyn Snider
Anita Fersner	Alice Walker
Becky Haigler	Gloria-Felder-Way
Roscoe Mitchell	

Donors Choose Grant Recipients

Marla Fanning MyKeida Middleton

USC Regional Science Fair Winners

Russell Brunson and Jatoria McFadden

SC Junior Scholar

Chekirah Woody

Recognitions Continued.....

2016-2017 Newly Identified

Duke Tip Scholars

Ethan Alsup	Keavia Haynes
Kameron Wright	Jeremy Fields
David Garcia-Toribio	Malachi Michael
Jessica Westberry	Luther Alsup
Elijah Guest	Dontrell Isme
Emily Westberry	Elon Tullock
Tyreon Taylor- Benjamin	

2016-2017 Student Council

President - James Kelly
Vice-President - Kenneth Green
Asst. Vice- President – Tacoma Magnan
Recording Secretary - Ajahnae Brignon
Corresponding Secretary - De'India Elmore
Asst. Corresponding Secretary – Relinda Riley
Treasurer—Jamari Howell
Parliamentarian - Jatoria McFadden
Asst. Parliamentarian- Adamaris Martinez-Rodriguez
Sergeant-At-Arms - Brandon Myrick
Asst. Sergeant –At-Arms – Shanari Buckner
Chaplain - Montez Haynes
Event Coordinator – Dontrell Isme

2016-2017 Jr. Beta Club Inductees

Russell Brunson	Terez Sellers
Tyrese Duckson	Shade' Woody
Jayanna Goodwin	Chekirah Woody
James Kelly	
Dannesha Seawright	

**MLK, Jr. Oratory Competition
District Winner**

Jeremy Fields

Poster Contest, "A Place Called Home"

1st Place Erika Carter

**Poster Contest, "Only You Can
Prevent Wildfires"**

1st Place Andrea Tapia

