

Our Mission

The mission of Calhoun County Public Schools, in unity with parents and community, is to provide an environment conducive to learning that challenges all students to reach their maximum potential for success in a rapidly changing global society.

Calhoun County School Board Members

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"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth."

John F. Kennedy

Proposed School Renewal Goals for 2014-2015

- ⇒ Grades 3-5 will meet the annual measurable objective of 640 on the ESEA / Federal Accountability System in the areas of Math and ELA in the all student subgroup by May, 2015.
- ⇒ Grades 6-8 will meet the annual measurable objective of 632 on the ESEA / Federal Accountability System in the areas of Math and ELA in the all student subgroup by May, 2015.
- ⇒ Grades 3-5 mean score will increase 10 points in the male subgroup on the ESEA / Federal Accountability System in all subject areas by May 2015.
- ⇒ Grades 6-8 mean score will increase 10 points in the male subgroup on the ESEA / Federal Accountability System in all subject areas by May 2015.



ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM

Student Opportunities

- ◆ Accelerated Reading
- ◆ Accelerated Math
- ◆ Middle School Chorus
- ◆ Band
- ◆ Music Theater Club
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Harvest Carnival
- ◆ Tutorials
- ◆ ThinkLink
- ◆ Study Island
- ◆ USA TestPrep
- ◆ AIMS Web
- ◆ First In Math
- ◆ Empower 3000
- ◆ Field Trips
- ◆ Job Shadowing
- ◆ SMK8 Pageant
- ◆ Poetry Alive Contest
- ◆ Athletic Program
- ◆ Star & Superstar Readers
- ◆ Math Madness
- ◆ Science & Math Night
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Walk to School
- ◆ Read Across America
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ High School Computer Course
- ◆ DARE
- ◆ Wee Deliver Mail System
- ◆ Writing Blitz
- ◆ Jr. Beta Club
- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ R.I.D.D.E
- ◆ Academic Night
- ◆ ESOL
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Career Day / Career Fair
- ◆ M.E.S.A.S
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Spelling Bee
- ◆ Advisement
- ◆ Brain Pop
- ◆ GeoFest
- ◆ Circus
- ◆ Discovery Education
- ◆ Author's Visits
- ◆ Science Lab
- ◆ Flag Detail
- ◆ Cyber Bullying Workshops
- ◆ Clafin Saturday Academy
- ◆ Algebra I
- ◆ English I

OUR VISION

We envision a school district where everyone works harmoniously in a safe and caring environment to help all students reach their maximum potential.



OUR BELIEFS

We believe...

- ◆ in establishing and maintaining high expectations for all students.
- ◆ every student can learn and be successful.
- ◆ every student is responsible for his/her choices and actions.
- ◆ in providing challenging and rigorous experiences to develop confident and competent students.
- ◆ in fostering cooperation and collaboration to promote engaging learning experiences.
- ◆ in an environment that appreciates and encourages diversity.
- ◆ change provides opportunity for growth.

Our School

Currently, 665 students are enrolled.
Community Outreach

- ◇ March of Dimes
- ◇ Relay for Life
- ◇ Canned Food Drive
- ◇ Adopt a Family at Christmas
- ◇ Veterans' Day Appreciation
- ◇ St. Jude's Research Hospital Fund Drive
- ◇ 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
- ◇ D.A.R.E. Program
- ◇ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◇ Walk to School
- ◇ Calhoun County Library
- ◇ Clemson Cooperative Extension Program
- ◇ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- ◇ Pennies for Patients
- ◇ Central Carolina Community Foundation/ USC Cocky Reading Program
- ◇ Kwame Alexander "Book In A Day" Program

School Improvement Council

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St. Matthews K-8 School



School Summary Report

2013-2014

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Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent

Mr. Barry Charley, Principal

Mrs. Ronda Simmons, Assistant Principal

Calhoun County School District is 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 Reward School



St. Matthews K-8 received the Palmetto Silver Award

National Board Certified Teachers

Anita Fersner
Wanda Green
Tamika Fordham
Carolyn Snider

Special Education Multi-Categorical Certified Teachers

Priscilla Carter, Gloria Heatley, and Alice Walker

St. Matthews K-8 Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Gloria Felder-Way

Calhoun County Community Service Award

Ms. Wanda Green

USC Regional 1st Place Science Fair Winner

Imani Smith

SMK8 Elementary Science Fair Winner

Kenneth Jenkins

SMK8 Middle School Science Fair Winner

Alashia Guinyard, Denyetta Johnson, and Alliyah Moorner

SMK8 M.E.S.A. Winner

Kenneth Jenkins

State M.E.S.A. Winner

Danasia Clark

Newly Identified Consortium of the Arts Participants

Deondra Darby, Jordan Franklin, Patience Miller, Imani Smith, Neasia Woody, and Chrishina Young

Newly South Carolina State Identified Gifted & Talented as of 2013-2014

Jonovan Darby, Jaliess Fludd, Kemyriah Haynes, Charlise Gamble, Michelle Guerrero, Kamaria Izzlar and Cameron Rose

Special Olympics Winners

Tommylee Wilson 1st Place 50, 100, & 200 yd dashes
Omarr Ogden 2nd Place 50, 100, & 200 yd dashes

Recognitions Continued.....

SMK8 Math Madness Winners

Nya Johnson	Elijah Hickson
Rodrigo Rizo	Kameron Wright
Cyncere Haynes	Cameron Rose
Shade Woody	Gavin Whisenhunt
Jurnee Jenkins	Nancy Rizo
Johnathan Keller	Alexeonna Young
Quadarius Rivers	DaKota Perez

SMK8 Spelling Bee Winners

	Winners	Runner-Ups
1st Grade	Rodrigo Rizo	Keavia Haynes
2nd Grade	Cyncere Haynes	Yareli Casillas
3rd Grade	Jace Currie	Adamaris Rodriguez
4th Grade	Jordan Hales	Selena Fredrick
5th Grade	Patience Miller	Amariya Wright
6th Grade	Nya Carson	Delmaray Turkvan
7th Grade	Quadarius Rivers	Jordan Franklin
8th Grade	Leah Mickell	Yami Tovar

2013 Newly Identified Duke Tip Scholars

Russell Brunson	Devin Bull
Deondra Darby	Kenneth Green
Jeremy Guinyard	Samantha Maldonado
Javion Pondexter	Kaveion Robinson
Elizabeth Seckinger	Mar'Neakia Wilson

Jr. Beta Club Honor Society

Khavina Cheeseboro	Ster'Lyn Evans
Tashayla Fields	Zamuel Fredrick
Alex Tapia	Yamileth Tovar-Kler
Willie Brown	Terry Bull
Araceli Carrillo	Isaiah Crosby
Jordan Franklin	Raquarious Greene
Devontae Griddle	Guye Guinyard
Christopher Jackson	Shakera Jenkins
Daria Johnson	Jontel McKay
India Riley	Quadarius Rivers
Shayla Rivers	Treasure Thomas
Je'Torian Williams	Alexeonna Young
Nya Carson	Danasia Clark
Iniya Cramer	Jurnee Jenkins
Nancy Rizo	Kaveion Robinson
Dwayna Scott	Delmaray Turkvan
Jordan Zeigler	

South Carolina Junior Scholars

Fatima Kenly

St. Jude Triathlon Highest Seller

Jesse Horger

SMK8 World Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Highest Seller

Tori Bonaparte