

Message from the Principal and the SIC Chairperson

Located in the heart of the Ashley River historical district, Springfield Elementary School is one of the few remaining neighborhood schools in Charleston County. Springfield is committed to increasing student achievement for all students who enter our doors. Highly qualified teachers differentiate instruction to meet the needs and learning styles of each child. Springfield continues to achieve performance excellence by supporting the district's Core values: Results, Access, Partnerships and Diversity. Teachers collaborate to improve instruction and implement inclusion, creating a constructive professional learning community.

Quarterly SPIRIT Rallies are held to recognize exemplary student performance in academics, attendance and citizenship.

Springfield is always welcoming parents to participate and to become an active part in our school PTA, Title I Planning Team, and School Improvement Council. High parental involvement ensures that the entire Springfield community is working together for the welfare of our students.

Springfield integrates cutting-edge technology with the South Carolina College and Career Readiness Standards. Each classroom is equipped with a SMARTboard, document camera, teacher iPad, and laptop computer to use for instruction. Technology is further integrated in each K-5 classroom with iPads for each student. Students have access to two computer labs on a daily basis. Each lab is equipped with 30 state-of-the-art desktop computers, a SMARTboard, and networked printer. The labs are used for technology integration into the curriculum. Finally, the media center houses technology available for check-out, including a portable laptop computer lab with 30 laptops and 21 iPod touches.

At Springfield, students come first!

Blondell B. Adams, Principal
Jamie Guzman, SIC Chairperson

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Springfield School Improvement Council/

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Principal**

SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: "Excellence is our Standard"

Mission Statement

The mission of Springfield Elementary School is to provide the opportunity to develop the maximum potential of every student by establishing the building blocks for life's challenges. The whole child will be nurtured in a safe, stimulating, and progressive learning environment in which responsibility and respect for themselves and others are affirmed. This environment is created through the team effort of a highly professional staff, active parents, a supportive administration, and a caring community.

School Highlights

Effective PBIS program, including school-wide daily points system and quarterly incentives for students

Active Mentoring Program designed to encourage students that are in need of support

Strong Community Involvement -Active business partners and projects with the City of Charleston

Exemplary Extended Day and Enrichment Program which includes a homework room

Chick-Fil-A Core Essentials Character Ed Program

First Federal Banking Program

College of Charleston President's Award Sponsor

Received the DHEC Outstanding School Recycling Program award, school-wide participation in recycling and composting, implementation of school vegetable garden

Project Lead the Way School to implement best practices in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Talent Development Academy School to implement the gifted and talented curriculum school-wide

Strong parent involvement programs including Family Literacy Night, STEM Night with Star Lab, Family Wellness Night, Grade Level Performances, and Spring Music Concert

Leadership opportunities for 4th and 5th grade students including WSTM (morning news program), Safety Patrol, Flag Team, and Student Council

Universal breakfast and lunch program available to all students at no cost

2016 SC READY Results

The following table shows the percentage of students in grades 3-5 scoring Met and Exceeds on the SC Ready test, taken in the spring of 2016.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>ELA</u>	<u>Math</u>
3rd	48.2	50.0
4th	54.7	49.2
5th	35.5	38.2

2016 PASS Results

In 2016, 4th and 5th grade students took the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) in both Science and Social Studies. The following table shows the percentage of students scoring Exemplary and Met on each assessment.

<u>PASS Test</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>
Science	70.8	57.3
Social Studies	93.8	66.7

ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

The following table shows the points/grades Springfield received beginning in 2012. Schools were not rated in 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 and will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Grade</u>
2012-2013	95.5	A
2013-2014	92.9	A
2014-2015	n/a	n/a
2015-2016	n/a	n/a

Springfield is a Talent Development Academy

What is a Talent Development Academy?

Talent Development Academy is designed to transform selected Title I elementary schools into Talent Development Academies (TDAs), places of rigorous and high level learning where academic talent is nurtured and developed, where underrepresented gifted and talented (GT) students become identifiable and perform at higher levels of achievement. Teachers will serve as Talent Scouts, finding and developing students' talents using research-based curriculum and strategies in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. This is a five year grant (2015-2016 was year one) funded through the US Department of Education, Jacob Davis Gifted and Talented Education Act.

Our strong partnership with The College of Charleston will ensure successful implementation of this rigorous and challenging curriculum. Teachers have monthly professional development led by C of C Education Department in order to grow gifted minds.

We will grow gifted minds through academic innovation with curriculum and strategies that are proven to elevate thinking and promote learning and engagement. We will focus on building strengths by emphasizing development of potential and not remediation. This focus will be on advanced content, thinking, and growth.

The strategies will be implemented with rigor, high interest, and high expectations.

Talent Development Academy at Springfield

ELA content and instructional strategies incorporate two programs: Jacob's Ladder (a reading comprehension program for grades K-5) and Navigators (a reading program designed for group activities and independent studies).

Science instructional strategies encompass Clarion Science Units and U-Stars Plus: A Science and Literacy rich program that allows students to simulate the work of real scientists.

Math instructional strategies center around Project Mentoring Mathematical Minds designed to nurture young student mathematicians. Students will use graphic organizers and thinking skills to scaffold from simple to complex, from lower to higher level thinking.