

**Reach for The Stars!**

**Whitesides Elementary School  
2015-2016 Annual Summary Report  
Highlights**

**Achievement – Excellent – Gold Award**

Outstanding PTA, parental and volunteer support, and involvement from the business community

Dedicated and exemplary Highly Qualified teaching faculty

Seven National Board Certified (NBC) teachers, including the guidance counselor, and school nurse

Outstanding chorus, student council involvement, computer club, and school newspaper, which promote community service events for students and parents

Strong instructional environment with smart boards, computer labs, Spanish, classroom and leveled libraries, iPad, STEM, STEAM, and technology funded grants, as well as an extensive media collection

We foster special needs inclusion, student recognition for academic achievement, and musical and visual arts that promote choral and dramatic opportunities along with the Engaging Creative Minds program

Suzi Carter, SIC Chair

During the 2015-2016 school year, Whitesides continued to implement the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. Whitesides is the first elementary school in CCSD to adopt this research based program that reduces bullying in schools and helps create a safe and positive place where students can learn and reach their unique potential. We are proud that our administration, teachers, parents, and students work together to implement this program so our school community continues to take a proactive approach to addressing and preventing a nationwide problem.

The program includes a bully prevention committee, student annual surveys, and school-wide weekly class meetings. Recent student survey results reflect a positive impact on the learning environment and effectiveness in addressing bullying at our school.

The results showed that 94% of our students report they like coming to Whitesides Elementary. We are excited and proud of the progress we are making and are looking forward to continuing to make our school a safe and positive place where our students can reach their unique potential.

Achievement by WES students outperformed schools "Like Us" statewide on the 2015 ACT ASPIRE SC Tests in Reading, English, Math, and Writing. In 2016, students will take SC READY.

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**Whitesides Mission Statement**

The Whitesides family will provide the highest quality of education through a challenging curriculum in a safe, nurturing environment that builds leadership skills, develops an appreciation for diversity and promotes individual creativity. Our goal is to engage students in a program of academic excellence that will prepare them to be independent, responsible citizens in our community.



Percent Met and Exemplary	
ACT ASPIRE Grades 3-5	2015
English	82.9%
Math	73.2%
Writing	34.6%
Reading	51.3%
Percent Met and Exemplary	
SC PASS Grades 4-5	2016
Social Studies	87.6%
Science	81.3%

Parents:

It is with pleasure that this annual report communicates to you the progress of our students. We are truly blessed to have phenomenal teachers, involved and supportive parents, dedicated volunteers and grandparents, local businesses and the superb dedication of our PTA. You provide us the raw product and our talented, devoted, highly qualified staff and faculty deliver a quality instructional program that allows our children to flourish. Your support of our instructional programs and the commitment you make to your child and our school allows Whitesides Elementary School to earn recognition yearly.

Our instructional initiatives continue to support Vision 2016. We are able to provide teachers with more specific instructional feedback about students through diagnostic benchmarks known as AimsWeb, Fountas and Pinnell, and the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) in grades K-5. We provide Spanish and technology instruction as well as opportunities to participate in fine arts, strings, chorus, STEM initiatives, student government and robotics.

Lona Pounder, Principal



MAP Math Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Fall 2015	1	163.8
Fall 2015	2	182.8
Fall 2015	3	197.7
Fall 2015	4	209.2
Fall 2015	5	215.5

MAP Math Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Winter 2016	1	178.6
Winter 2016	2	191.2
Winter 2016	3	204.2
Winter 2016	4	215.1
Winter 2016	5	220.9

MAP Reading Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Fall 2015	1	161
Fall 2015	2	183.7
Fall 2015	3	198.2
Fall 2015	4	209.7
Fall 2015	5	212.2

MAP Reading Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Winter 2016	1	179
Winter 2016	2	194.4
Winter 2016	3	206
Winter 2016	4	215
Winter 2016	5	217

Spring MAP will conclude the end of May 2016.