

Whitesides Elementary School 2021 - 2022 Annual Summary Report Highlights

Outstanding PTA, parental, volunteer, and business support in all areas including STEAM

IBEAM Reading support

Dedicated and exemplary Highly Qualified teaching faculty

Seven National Board Certified (NBC) teachers

Outstanding student council involvement, in house news show which promote and highlight community and student events for students and parents and our Facebook page

Weekly visits with therapy dogs

Our SIC supports usage of technology, STEAM instruction, leveled libraries, iPads, and technology funded grants, as well as an extensive media collection to address literacy, math, science, and social studies needs of students.

School-wide campus gardening and clean-up day

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.

1:1 Chrome-books for the entire school

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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.



Reach for The Stars!

Dear Parents,

Our 2021-2022 school year is coming to a close and we are thrilled to report that students and teachers have accomplished many goals that they set at the start. We know this year has been trying due to Covid protocols and we want to thank you for your continued support. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to continue serving students in the building this year. We currently have 796 students enrolled at Whitesides and it is rewarding to watch them reach for the STARS each day!

Our primary focus and responsibility is to help each student learn and grow at least one year. We strive to deliver quality instruction for all students while ensuring that the social and emotional needs of students, families, and staff are addressed. Whitesides Elementary School continues to rank as one of the top elementary schools in Charleston County. We are excited about that ranking, but continue to work hard to ensure we meet the needs of all students.

Beginning with our youngest Wildcats, our teachers present engaging and creative lessons based on state standards. Children learn to focus on the task at hand, problem solve, work collaboratively and expand their individual toolboxes. We believe that we are helping students learn life skills that will enable them to be successful and productive citizens.

Our goal is to reach each student where they are and prepare them for the next step in their school career. We do that by analyzing assessment data so teachers have more specific instructional feedback about students. We use FastBridge, KRA, MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) and many teacher made assessments. We also use digital platforms iReady and Dreambox.

This year we expanded the School Improvement Council to add more parents to help us address concerns and ideas that parents have to improve the school. We have tried to increase communications with all stakeholders so that even though you may not be in the building as much, you could have a glimpse into your child's school and be a part of their educational journey.

We know that the past two years have been challenging but with your help we have continued to strive for excellence in all that we do. Having phenomenal teachers, involved and supportive parents and grandparents, dedicated local businesses, and an incredible PTA has helped to continue the legacy of Whitesides as a family oriented, successful school. We couldn't do it without all of you and again, thank you! We look forward to more great adventures in the coming years.

As the Interim Principal this year, I want to thank all of you for your support and help. I want to congratulate our staff for all they have done and a special thank you to Mr. Bloomfield who has helped to steady the boat all year. I can't wait to see what Whitesides students accomplish in the coming years. I know they will continue to do great things.

Cathie Middleton, Interim Principal
Jennifer Traywick, SIC Chair

SCREADY Grades 3-5	Percent Met and Exemplary 2021
English	80
Math	79

SC PASS Grades 4-5	Percent Met and Exemplary 2021
Science	76



MAP Reading Median Percentile

Term	Grade	Percentile
Fall 2021	1	80
Fall 2021	2	86
Fall 2021	3	81
Fall 2021	4	83
Fall 2021	5	78
Fall 2021 AVG	1 - 5	82

MAP Math Median Percentile

Term	Grade	Percentile
Fall 2021	1	80
Fall 2021	2	85
Fall 2021	3	84
Fall 2021	4	86
Fall 2021	5	79
Fall 2021 AVG	1 - 5	83

MAP Reading Median Percentile

Term	Grade	Percentile
Winter 2022	1	79
Winter 2022	2	81
Winter 2022	3	75
Winter 2022	4	76
Winter 2022	5	73
Winter 2022 AVG	1 - 5	77

MAP Math Median Percentile

Term	Grade	Percentile
Winter 2022	1	77
Winter 2022	2	81
Winter 2022	3	80
Winter 2022	4	82
Winter 2022	5	75
Winter 2022 AVG	1 - 5	80