

School Achievements

School Spelling Bee Winner: Cayden Duffie

CCSD 1st Year, Teacher of the Year: Satron McDowell

CCSD Finalist for Teacher of the Year: Shambria Littlejohn
& LVES Teacher of the Year

Scored Average on the SC School Report Card

2025 Participation in Lego Robotics

2026 Polar Plunge: Coolest School Award

2025 Special Olympics Student Athlete: Waylon Hughes

Mrs. Stephanie Hicks: Distinguished Literacy Teacher, 2025

2026 – State Department of Education Special Olympics
United Champion School

Outstanding Features and Programs

- *LVES Mentoring Program*
- *Semester Academic Recognition Ceremonies*
- *Kid's Club*
- *Recycling Program*
- *Safety Patrols*
- *PBIS School*
- *Weekly Backpack Program Sponsored by: Central Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*
- *AVID Elementary School*
- *Lunch Buddies*
- *Milliken Collaboration*
- *Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church Partnership*
- *Providence Baptist Church Partnership*
- *Girls on the Run*
- *Lego Robotics*

Our School

Luther Vaughan Elementary School takes pride in helping all students develop world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a sage, orderly environment that promotes learning. We believe education must be relevant to 21st century learning, and it is essential for the advancement of society. We share the responsibility with our families and community in preparing our students for productive citizenship.

Our current enrollment is 431.

School Colors: Blue and Gold

School Mascot: Lion

School Theme: "From Little Lights to Big Stars"

SIC Members

Chair: Liz Davison

Principal: Interim Anita Maness

Secretary: Janeeka Miller, Parent

Buffy McKeown, Teacher

Leah Razo, Teacher's Assistant

Jenny Ramsey, Librarian

Patty Smith, Reading Coach

Cynthia Peeler, Community Member

Rev. Bobby Morrow, Community Member

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Luther Vaughan Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Luther Vaughan Elementary School

Annual School Improvement

Council Report to the Parents

2025 – 26



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Our Mission

Our Mission, in partnership with family and community, is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to become responsible, productive citizens in the 21st century society by providing a variety of learning experiences that address the diverse needs of every student.

Student Friendly: Together we learn, grow, and make the world a better place.

Our Vision

Nurtured by a supportive environment, students will surpass academic challenges, develop as leaders, and form collaborative relationships with peers. Our graduates will be independent, productive, responsible, and creative individuals capable of making original contributions to society.

Plans for the Future

Luther Vaughan Elementary School continues to collaborate with teachers, families, business and community members to accomplish the following:

- Increase student achievement
- Improve communication between home, school, and community with information in a language that all can understand; provide interpreters for meetings and others school functions
- Support family involvement in school functions
- Provide learning opportunities for families
- Promote programs and accomplishments of the school using social media, the local newspaper, as well as other community outlets
- Foster a positive school climate that supports learning.

Partnership Opportunities

Contact us to find out how you can partner with us. We are always looking for new partners and fresh ideas to help meet the goals for improving the school. We also need bi-lingual participants to be able to meet and work in two languages. (English/Spanish)



Student Achievement

Students Meeting: At or Above on SC Ready

	Reading	Math	Science	Social Studies
3 rd	34.9%	28.6%	NA	NA
4 th	30.4%	26.1%	NA	NA
5 th	35%	21.7%	NA	NA

For more information, you may view the 2024 – 25 report card for Luther Vaughan Elementary at:

<https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDI0JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MTEwMTAxOQ>

SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Luther Vaughan Elementary is committed to increasing student achievements across all subject areas through a focused implementation of high-impact strategies, including:

- **Teacher Clarity** – ensuring students understand the learning intentions and success criteria;
- **Professional Learning Communities (PLC)** - fostering collaboration and shared responsibility for student learning;
- **Data Analysis** - using assessment data to inform instruction and identify areas for growth;
- **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)** – providing targeted interventions and supports to meet the diverse academic needs of all students.

In addition, Luther Vaughan will:

- Provide field trip experiences focusing on college and career ready skills
- Host curriculum nights where families participate in literacy/math-based activities together
- Continue the implementation of AVID strategies throughout the content areas

Goal 2: Use data to guide instruction at Luther Vaughan Elementary by utilizing:

- iReady Reading and Math Diagnostic Assessments
- Orton Gillingham
- SC Ready Assessments
- Oral Reading Fluency Assessments
- Creating and administering common formative assessments
- Discussion of data in PLC meetings

Goal 3: Luther Vaughan Elementary will provide effective communication to promote school effectiveness by:

- Monthly parent newsletter
- Classroom newsletters and webpages
- School website
- Title I School, Home, and Family Agreement
- Parent/Student Handbook and agendas
- Facebook page

