

School Achievements

Spelling Bee Winner 2024–2025 - Andrea Palacios

Mrs. Ange Figueroa was named Teacher of the Year – 2024-2025

Mrs. Iris Manning was named Support Staff of the Year – 2024-2025

Unified Champion School

2023 Perseverance Award for Lego Robotics

Special Olympics Spirit Award 2025

Waylon Hughes - Special Olympics Student Athlete of the Year 2024-2025

Mrs. Rachel Turner - Distinguished Teacher of Literacy 2024-2025

Outstanding Features and Programs

- LVES Mentoring Program with Mentor Upstate
- Quarterly Academic Recognition Ceremonies
- Kids 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/Limestone Collaboration
- Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church Partnership
- Providence Baptist Church Partnership
- Girls on the Run Club
- 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 safe, 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 419.

School Colors: Blue and Gold

School Mascot: Lion

School Theme: “From Little Lights to Big Stars”

SIC Members

Chair: Cynthia Peeler

Principal: Loretta Holmes

Secretary: Elizabeth Davison, Teacher

Susan Foster, Teacher

Phylliss Knighten, Parent

Melanie Nance, Teacher

Patty Smith, Teacher

Christina Holcombe, Parent

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 2024-2025



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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.

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.

SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Luther Vaughan Elementary is committed to increasing student achievement 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 (PLCs)** – 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
- Provide financial and career planning workshops for students
- 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
- Indicator Aligned Inventory for Word Recognition (IAI-WR)
- Discussion of data in PLC meetings

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

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

Student Achievement

Students Meeting at or Above on State Assessments

	Reading	Math	Science	Social Studies
3rd Grade	28%	17%	NA	NA
4th Grade	30%	8%	NR	NA
5th Grade	21%	0%	NA	NA

For more information, you may view the 2023-2024 report card for Luther Vaughan Elementary at

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



Plans for the Future

Luther Vaughan Elementary 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 other 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).