



Direction Statement

“Building the foundation for students to reach their full potential and succeed as life-long learners”

Purpose Statements

At J.D. Lever Elementary, we will:

🐾 create the foundation for developing independent life-long learners through a technology-infused, student-centered environment utilizing standards-based curriculum and rigorous experiences.

🐾 build and strengthen relationships among students, staff, families, and the community to support the academic, emotional, social, and physical development of each child in a safe and nurturing environment.

🐾 cultivate a faculty and staff who are committed to providing instructional excellence in a stimulating and caring environment while working cooperatively with students, parents, and the community.

🐾 provide ongoing professional development utilizing research-based strategies and best practices to promote continuous professional growth for faculty and staff.

Grants

At JDLES, we have received multiple grants for the school year from the following:

- Dollar General Education Grant
- LOWE’s Community Grant
- SRNS Education Grants
- Multiple Project of the Month Grants from Public Education Partners
- Aiken County Leadership Award with Public Education Partners
- Sam’s Club Community Grant
- SRR STAR Grant

Awards

- Palmetto Gold & Silver Award, 2004-05
- Palmetto Silver Award, 2010-11
- Palmetto Gold & Silver Award, 2011-12
- Red Carpet School, 2008-11
- First Lego League State Winner
- Council for Social Studies Award
- SCASA School of Promise

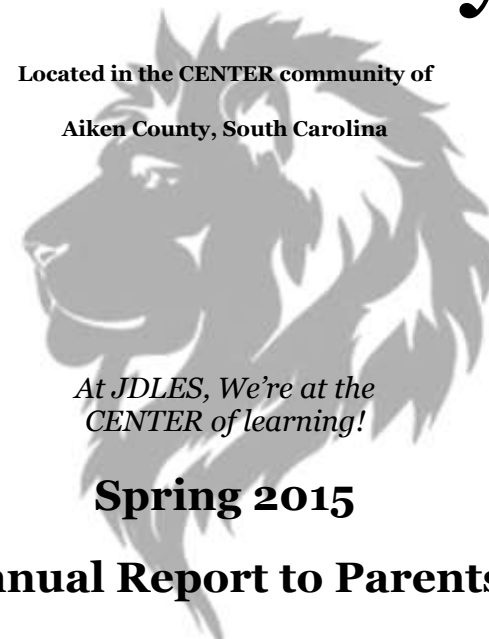
School Improvement Council (SIC) Goals 2015-2016

- 1) Positive Behavior Reinforcement Program
- 2) Center Community Business Partners
- 3) Technology in Education with S.T.R.E.A.M.(science.technology.reading.engineering.arts.mathematics)
- 4) Palmetto Garden



J.D. Lever Elementary

Located in the CENTER community of Aiken County, South Carolina



At JDLES, We’re at the CENTER of learning!

Spring 2015

Annual Report to Parents

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The purpose of this this report is to inform community members and parents of the accomplishments and goals of the J.D. Lever Elementary School Improvement Council. Included you will find test scores, awards and programs offered at our school.

Cathy Ellis, Principal

Patricia Wilson, Assistant Principal

Our History

JDLES is located in Aiken County just off I-20, exit 22 in the heart of the Center community. We serve approximately 596 students in pre-kindergarten 4 year old through fifth grade. The school was opened in 1936 with the current facility opening in 1988. In 1975 the school's name was changed J.D. Lever Elementary School to honor longtime principal, Jesse Daniel Lever, who served as the school principal from 1942 until 1975. The original school was housed in a two-story red brick building located on the current campus. In 1988, classes were moved into a new facility on campus. In 1998, an additional wing was added to the current facility.

Statistics

Student enrollment: 596 students
 Number of Certified Staff: 43
 Number of Advanced Degrees: 31

School Improvement Council

The JDLES School Improvement Council (SIC) meets monthly. Any interested parents and community members are invited to attend. SIC Meeting are announced in the Monthly School Newsletter and posted on our School Fusion Website. The following serve as SIC members for the 2014-2015 school year:

Ms. Cathy Ellis, principal
 Mrs. Patricia Wilson, assistant principal
 Mr. Michael Truitt, curriculum coach
 Mr. Drew Sapp, SIC Chair, parent
 Mrs. Jenny Edwards, co-chair, title one facilitator, teacher
 Dr. Bridgett Coleman, USC-A School of Education
 Mrs. Becky Dixon, secretary, teacher
 Mrs. Julie Corbitt, teacher
 Mrs. Gossett, PTO representative, parent
 Mrs. Louise Dent, guidance counselor, parent
 Mrs. Regina Fulmer, community member
 Mr. George Tallmadge, community member
 McDonald's, community partner
 Aiken Electric Co-Op, community partner
 SHAW Corp., community partner

PASS Scores

| Percent Met & Exemplary | | | |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| Writing | 79.8 | 80.6 | 66.7 |
| ELA (Reading) | 83.3 | 73.4 | 71.7 |
| Math | 65.5 | 83 | 58.6 |
| Science | 65.1 | 61.7 | 56 |
| Social Studies | 73.2 | 79.8 | 56.3 |

MAP SCORES

| Reading MAP | Reading FALL | Reading SPRING | Growth F to Sp |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Grade 3 | | | |
| J.D. Lever | 190.2 | 196.2 | 6 |
| District Average | 189.5 | 198.1 | 8.6 |
| Grade 4 | | | |
| J.D. Lever | 194.7 | 200.1 | 5.4 |
| District Average | 198.5 | 204.7 | 6.2 |
| Grade 5 | | | |
| J.D. Lever | 203.9 | 210.3 | 6.4 |
| District Average | 205.1 | 211.4 | 6.3 |

| Math MAP | Math FALL | Math SPRING | Growth F to Sp |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| Grade 3 | | | |
| J.D. Lever | 189.6 | 197.4 | 7.8 |
| District Average | 190.5 | 200.4 | 9.9 |
| Grade 4 | | | |
| J.D. Lever | 197.6 | 207.7 | 10.1 |
| District Average | 201 | 209.1 | 8.1 |
| Grade 5 | | | |
| J.D. Lever | 210 | 217.7 | 7.7 |
| District Average | 209.5 | 217.8 | 8.3 |



Outstanding Programs

Gifted & Talented Program
 Student Ambassador Program
 Outdoor Courtyard
 Gingerbread House Day
 5th Grade Career Program
 Veteran's Day Program
 Winter Arts Fest
 Parent Portal
 Spelling Bee
 Spring Arts Fest
 Parent/Student Technology Night
 Blackboard Connect Electronic~
 Notification System
 Muffins for Moms
 Doughnuts for Dads
 Grandparent's Day Program
 COMPASS Learning Lab
 Principal's Pride Student Luncheon
 MAP Celebration
 Happy Pass-Positive Office Referrals
 Bucket Filler Program
 Quest Zone -After School Program
 Monthly Student Character~
 Recognition Program
 Drug Awareness Program
 Recycling Awareness Guest Speaker
 Smokey the Bear Visit
 Building Better Readers Program
 Field Day
 Lion's Pride Newsletter
 Outdoor Learning Area
 Aiken Rotary Club Student Dictionaries
 Kids Love Art sponsored by the Aiken County
 Help Line
 Aiken Electric Co-Op Electricity Program
 Zaxaby's Family Night
 J.D. Lever Super Learners
 Positive Behavior Intervention & Reinforcement
 School