

What makes us special?

- Arts Integrated curriculum in all grade levels
- Virtual Residencies and field trips to enhance instruction in and through the arts.
- 3rd-5th grade students all participate in Strings program
- Art gallery and displays related to monthly themes throughout the school
- Mentoring Matters-Mentoring initiative
- ACCENT Gifted & Talented Program for 3rd-5th grades.
- Virtual residencies in Dance, General Music, and Strings
- Virtual Field Trips for real-world experiences
- All Faculty & Staff trained in Focus 5's Acting Right: Building a Cooperative, Collaborative, Creative Classroom Community.
- Achieved recertification from the Arts in Basic Curriculum



School Improvement Council

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Got SMARTS?

Strategically
Mixing
Arts and Academics to
Reach educational goals as we
Teach
Students



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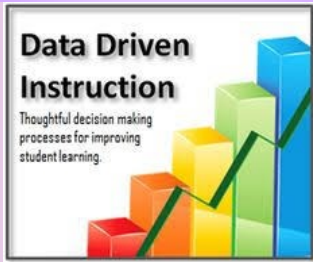
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2020-2021 Annual Report to Parents

This report is to provide parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993 and waiver 2012. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2020-2021 school year and our goals.

Ms. Shana Harper, Principal
Mr. Tyson Gardin, Assistant Principal



School Report Card Rating

On March 27, 2020 the U.S. Department of Education approved South Carolina's request to waive spring statewide assessments, accountability ratings, and certain reporting requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 school year due to the widespread school closures related to the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Teachers and administrators continuously utilize formal and informal data to drive instruction throughout our classrooms. Some of these data gathering assessments include:

- Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing
- Math and Reading Benchmark Assessments
- Lucy Calkins Writing Curriculum assessments
- Teacher-made assessments
- Informal observations and daily assessments

2018-2019 School Report Card Rating

The following percentages are the amount of students who MET or EXCEEDED grade-level expectations.

English/Language Arts: 28.4% (up from 23.4%)
 Math: 31.3 % (up from 29.6%)
 Science: 25% (up from 21.3%)
 Social Studies: 61.2% (up from 55.1%)

Research-based Student Outcomes

Reading, verbal, and mathematical skills

Creative thinking

Self-confidence, risk-taking, and perseverance

Increased engagement, motivation, and persistence

Growing leadership abilities

Collaboration and problem-solving skills

Higher-order thinking skills

Career aspirations

Increased intrinsic motivation

Improved attendance, behavior, and social skills

Increased sense of school community

Increased satisfaction, interest, and success

Profile of the South Carolina Graduate



World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

Approved by SCASA Superintendents' Roundtable, SC Chamber of Commerce, and State Board of Education.



Mission Statement

The mission of Chester Park School of the Arts is to engage every child in active individual and collaborative team learning experiences in the context of a comprehensive standards-based arts integrated curriculum.

Beliefs

We believe that arts education...

- Builds character, cooperation, responsibility, self-esteem, and respect.
- Enriches and integrates subject areas.
- Identifies and nurtures each individual student's talents and creativity.
- Unites students, parents, faculty, and community members.
- Provides an exciting, caring, and inviting environment for learning.

