

## What makes us special?

- Arts Integrated curriculum PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Virtual and in-person field trips to enhance instruction in and through the arts
- 3rd-5th grade students participate in Strings program
- Art gallery and displays related to monthly themes throughout the school
- Mentoring Matters-Mentoring initiative
- ACCENT Academically Gifted & Talented Program for 3rd-5th grades
- Arts Alive! Artistic Gifted & Talented program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades in Dance, Chorus, Strings, and Visual Art
- Virtual & In-Person residencies in Dance, General Music, and Strings
- Principal's Pearls: Our student female leadership
- Achieved recertification from the Arts in Basic Curriculum Project (ABC)
- LETRS – K-3rd grade teachers state piloted professional learning
- Student Council for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade



### School Improvement Council

Clay Waldrip, Chair  
Kiera McClurkin, Parent  
Judy Davenport, Teacher  
Dr. Jenny Stender, Teacher  
Chasidy Winters, Teacher  
Shanquel Young, School Counselor  
Tyhesia Hardin, Community Member  
Fran Vance-Ingram, Community Member  
Dr. Shana Harper, Principal, Ex-Officio  
Dr. Tyson Gardin, Asst. Principal, Ex-Officio

### Got SMARTS?

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



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## Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts



### 2024-2025

### 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 2023-2024 school year and our goals.*

Dr. Shana Harper, Principal  
Dr. Tyson Gardin, Assistant Principal



## School Report Card Rating

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
- Teacher-made assessments
- Informal observations and daily assessments



### 2023-2024 School Report Card Rating

The following percentages represent the students who MET or EXCEEDED grade-level expectations:

English/Language Arts: 34.1%  
Math: 37.4%

## Research-based Student Outcomes

Science of Reading UFLI  
University of Florida Literacy Institute

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

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) strategies to enhance reading instruction

## 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.

## 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.

