

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Manning Elementary School, located in the center of Clarendon County, is home to approximately 660 students in grades 4, 5, and 6. Most students come from a rural setting with 65% African American students and 29% Caucasian students. Our school-wide theme was: "Dive into Learning." Our school's mission is educating children.

Our school-wide focus this past year was based on PASS, MAP, and common assessment results. All students at Manning Elementary School were given the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test three times during the year. Common assessments were given bi-weekly focusing on math and reading. These scores were used to determine weak areas and teachers modified lesson plans accordingly. Weekly grade level meetings were held to keep instruction aligned to the state standards.

There are 27 technology classrooms which are utilized by teachers to enhance instruction. Study Island and Successmaker are computer-based instructional programs that were used during computer time to provide students with extra support in their areas of academic weakness. Our high achieving readers have the opportunity to experience a book club with our reading coach. Partnering with USC our 4th and 5th grade students participated in "Reading with the Gamecocks" to promote reading. Our school continued to participate in a district-wide Character Education Program. Our students were encouraged to display good character traits. Character education was addressed through our guidance department, our daily morning show, outside marquee, posters and banners. Clarendon County Mental Health and Clarendon Behavioral Health Services offered counseling for our students.

Manning Elementary School students have the opportunity to participate in the Clarendon Christian Learning Center. Our students also have access to the Smiles Dental Clinic. Various programs and activities provided opportunities for parents to become involved in their child's education. Programs and activities included: inviting parents in for meals, Open House, PTO meetings, SIC, an annual school play, Math Night, Literacy Night, Social Studies Night, Science Night and scheduled parent visitations. An automatic calling system informs parents of programs and activities. Parents also have access to the school and district website for information and progress reports are sent home weekly.

Manning Elementary School participated in service learning projects such as: Relay for Life, Pennies for Presents, garden projects and food drives.

Terrie T. Ard, Principal

Dorothy Tindal-Ragin, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	171	101
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	92.3%	86.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0%	83.6%	82.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.0%	88.2%	89.0%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A–Not Applicable N/AV–Not Available N/C–Not Collected N/R–Not Reported I/S–Insufficient Sample