

## Science of Reading and Conceptual Math

During the 2024-2025 school year, our educational focus began a transformative shift towards aligning instruction with the Science of Reading. Recognizing the critical importance of foundational literacy skills, we dedicated ourselves to exploring the newly adopted South Carolina State Standards, integrating methodologies aimed at fostering robust reading abilities in our K-5 students. Embracing evidence-based practices, we have eagerly embraced resources like decodable readers, Heggerty, and UFLI to ensure that every child receives a comprehensive and structured approach to literacy development. By prioritizing these initiatives, we are empowering our young learners with the fundamental tools they need to become confident and proficient readers, setting them on a trajectory for academic success and lifelong learning.

This school year, we have also explored fostering a deeper conceptual understanding of mathematics. We have worked towards this goal by integrating Number Corner into our math instructional block. This curriculum not only reinforces foundational arithmetic skills but also cultivates a conceptual understanding of mathematical principles through hands-on exploration and real-world application. Additionally, we have implemented the Bridges Intervention program to provide targeted support for students who require additional assistance in mastering mathematical concepts. Through personalized instruction and tailored interventions, we are ensuring that every student has the opportunity to build a strong mathematical foundation, equipping them with the skills and confidence to excel in mathematics and beyond.

## Goal

The goal of our School Improvement Council is to provide ways to improve our instructional practices in reading and mathematics in a safe and positive learning environment. SIC in collaboration with the school's administration and PTO engaged in meaningful dialogue around the Science of Reading, Data Analysis and Flexible Grouping to build teachers' capacity and increase students' overall academic performance as measured by MAP, SCReady and teacher created assessments.

## Awards

- 2017-2018 Palmetto Silver Award for High Academic Performance
- 2012 National Blue Ribbon School
- 2013 Palmetto's Finest School
- 2011-2012 SIC Dick and Tunky Riley Honor Roll
- Home to three Aiken County Teachers of the Year:
  - 2023 Uyen Griffis
  - 2022 Rhett Sherman
  - 2011 Uyen Griffis
  - 2007 Robin Patterson
- Red Carpet Award - 2007 -2010
- Palmetto Gold Award 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015
- Closing the Achievement Gap Award- 2010, 2011, & 2012
- Golden Apple Award Winner -2023 - Sarah Emerling
- Golden Apple Award Winner - 2019 -Uyen Griffis
- Golden Apple Award Winner - 2013 -Jennifer Harrell Pearson
- Aiken County Honor Court - 2025 - Shannon Hoffmann

# Hammond Hill Elementary



## Spring 2025 Annual Report

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The purpose of this report is to provide community and school stakeholders of an overview of Hammond Hill Elementary School. The overview includes previous awards, standardized assessment data and a detailed list of school-wide initiatives.

Dede Scott, Principal  
Daniel Hamilton, Assistant Principal

## Our Programs and Activities

- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ African-American History Celebration
- ◆ All-Pro Dads
- ◆ American Education Week
- ◆ Apptegy/Rooms Electronic Notification System
- ◆ Art Show
- ◆ Awards Assemblies
- ◆ Battle of the Books
- ◆ Beautification Project
- ◆ BINGO Family Night
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ Bridges Intervention
- ◆ Career Day
- ◆ Classroom Guidance Lessons
- ◆ Clear Touch in every classroom
- ◆ Community Helpers
- ◆ Dreambox
- ◆ Edmentum
- ◆ Educational Software for Guiding Instruction (ESGI)
- ◆ Field trips
- ◆ Gifted and Talented Program
- ◆ Grandparents' Day Parade
- ◆ Grinch Day
- ◆ Hispanic Culture Celebration
- ◆ Jump Rope for Heart
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Math Flexible Groupings
- ◆ Mayors Writing Contest
- ◆ Media Center
- ◆ Military Celebrations
- ◆ MTSS
- ◆ Multi-Language Learner Info/Registration Night
- ◆ Music
- ◆ New Student Tours
- ◆ Number Corner Math
- ◆ Open House
- ◆ Parent Portal
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Polar Express Day
- ◆ Principal for the Day
- ◆ Principal Writing Wall
- ◆ Professional Development for Staff
- ◆ PTO
- ◆ Read Across American Week
- ◆ Read to Succeed
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ Reflex & Frax Math
- ◆ Ribbon Ceremonies
- ◆ Safety Patrol
- ◆ Service Learning Projects
- ◆ SIC
- ◆ Spelling Bee
- ◆ SPIRE Intervention
- ◆ Spirit Nights
- ◆ Student Intervention Team (SIT)
- ◆ Student of the Month Celebrations
- ◆ Veterans' Day Program
- ◆ Volunteer Orientation
- ◆ Wacky Science Night with Trick or Treat
- ◆ Walk-a-Thon
- ◆ WHHE Morning Show
- ◆ Youth Development Team

## Statistics

- Student Enrollment: 721
- Number of Certified Staff: 56

## School Improvement Council

Hammond Hill's School Improvement Council meets monthly. Any interested parents and community members are invited to attend. SIC Meetings are announced during our weekly updates. They are also posted on school's website.

### 2024-2025 SIC MEMBERS

#### *Elected Members*

- Mrs. Shannon Hoffmann, teacher
- Mrs. Jessica Nealious, teacher/chair
- Mrs. Rhett Sherman, teacher
- Mrs. Jasmine Louis, parent
- Ms. Maira Acosta Miranda, parent

#### *Appointed Members*

- Mr. David Buck Community Member
- Mrs. Laura Grieb, Community Member
- Ms. Cathy Martin, Community Member

#### *Ex-officio Members*

- Mrs. Ashley Miller, PTO President, Parent
- Mrs. Dede Scott, Principal
- Mr. Daniel Hamilton, Assistant Principal
- Ms. Karen Robin , counselor

SC READY 2024						
% of students scoring Meets or Exceeds						
	Math HHES	Math District	Math State	ELA HHES	ELA District	ELA State
3rd	66.4	46.8	54.6	68.9	51.0	53.8
4th	55.0	43.2	51.0	65.7	55.4	57.2
5th	61.4	35.1	45.7	60.2	50.1	55.6

SC READY Science 2024			
% of students scoring Meets or Exceeds			
*There are no scores to report as SC READY Science was field tested for 2024.			