

Thornwell School for the Arts is located in the All-American City of Hartsville, South Carolina. Thornwell is a magnet arts integrated school, which serves about 250 students in grades one through five. Our theme is Setting the Stage for Success. Our mission statement reflects our beliefs and goals.

We, at *Thornwell School for the Arts*, understand the importance of partnerships with parents and community to develop life-long learners, believing all children can learn and perform at a high level. Within this facet of teaching and learning, students are exposed to both the visual and performing arts on a daily basis providing creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, innovation, and collaboration. Students at *Thornwell* also participate in many programs throughout the year such as - *Boy Scouts, Gentlemen's Club, Tiger Lilies Club, Chorus, Dance, Art Club, and Beta Club* – that support personal growth and afford them a variety of cultural experiences that widen their horizons.

All faculty and staff members are held accountable and exhibit a high degree of expectations for each and every student. Teachers are committed to growing professionally in order to enhance the process of teaching and learning as we strive each day to Set the Stage for Success!

School Improvement Council **Members**

Rhonda Covington, Chair, Parent Liaison

Melinda Brown, Ex-Officio

Britt Gandy, Community Member

Jocelyn Murdock, Coordinating Teacher

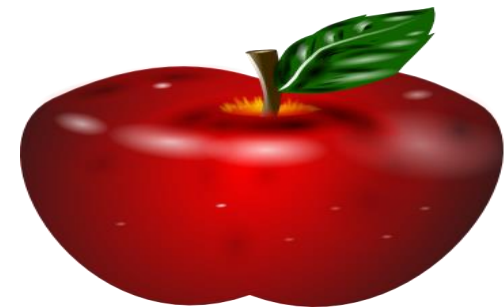
Alicia McLaughlin, Teacher
Sheila Wright, Teacher

Michell Conyers, Parents

(You may contact the SIC members by calling the school.)

Report to Parents

2020-2021



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*School Initiatives that Support
Improved Student Achievement*

- Ongoing – Professional Development in best practices in teaching and learning
- Differentiated Instruction to meet the individual needs of the students
- S.T.A.A.R.S Afterschool Program Providing home-work assistance, Reading and Math Interventionist and STEAM activities
- Weekly Parent Newsletter
- Weekly Tuesday Folders
- Virtual Town Hall Parent Meetings
- Art, Music, and Dance Visual School Performances



In compliance with the South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993), this report provides to parents and community members facts about our school, accomplishments, and descriptions of goals and strategies for the current school year, as well as the progress made towards attaining the established goals. We hope that you take the time to review this report.



School Renewal Performance Goals (Due to the pandemic, state tests were omitted during the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, we do not have baseline data from the previous school year.)

- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding the English Language Arts expectations will increase to at least 5% by 2020-2021 as measured by the SCReady.
- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding the Mathematics expectations will increase to at least 5% by 2021-2022 as measured by the SCReady.
- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding the Social Studies expectations will increase to at least 5% by 2021-2022 as measured by the SC PASS.
- By 2021-2022, the percentage of students reported to be engaged at a level of “committed” will be at least 58% for Behavioral, 69% for Cognitive and 80% for Emotional as measured by the SDE AdvancED Student Engagement Survey.

