

School Achievements

Mrs. Beth Caulder was awarded Southside ECC Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021.

Mrs. Cortney Chapman was awarded District Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020.

Southside ECC has received an Excellent absolute rating on the School Report Card for the last nine years.



Southside Early Childhood Center is a part of the Darlington County School District and is located in a rural setting just outside the city limits of Hartsville, South Carolina. Southside opened its doors as an Early Childhood Center in August, 1995, with an enrollment of 317 students. SECC is in its twenty-sixth year as a center for three, four, and five-year kindergarten age students. Southside is a School-wide Title I School and is a previous recipient of the “South Carolina Reading First Grant.” We were chosen as a “Red Carpet School” by the South Carolina Department of Education for our family-friendly environment in 2002-2003 and we also received the District’s Five Star Customer Service Award in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. Our school continues to be unique, not only for Darlington County, but also for the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Kindergarten plays a unique role in a child’s educational experience, serving as a transition from home or pre-school experiences to formal schooling. Southside ECC provides the kindergarten experience that is critical in establishing positive feelings about coming to school and the child’s view of themselves as a capable learner. The environment at Southside Early Childhood Center supports children’s natural disposition for learning. Our students are encouraged to dream, to imagine possibilities, and to strive for excellence. Southside Early Childhood Center is a community where children learn and grow. It is a place “Where Children Come First.”

Southside Early Childhood Center

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MISSION OF SOUTHSIDE ECC

The mission of Southside Early Childhood Center is to provide individually appropriate experiences that will challenge our children to become lifelong learners.



SIC Annual Goals

In the spring of 2021, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the English/Language Arts expectations will increase to at least 84% as measured by the MAP Primary, which is administered by Darlington County School District.

- Southside has implemented a Balanced Literacy Program and provides teachers with professional development using learning labs.*
- Southside administers the KRA and Fountas & Pinnell to all 5K students at the beginning of the school year.*

In the spring of 2021, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the Mathematics expectations will increase to at least 90% as measured by the MAP Primary, which is administered by Darlington County School District.

- Southside provides instructional best practice techniques in math instruction.*
- Southside provides math intervention with pull-out small groups.*

Student Achievement

Southside ECC administers the MAP Primary School Survey with Goals in Reading and Math Assessment three times during the school year: fall, winter, and spring. Our winter data from 2019-2020 shows that 74% met their projected growth in ELA and 79% met their growth in math. This was the last administration of this test before schools were closed due to COVID-19 last school year.

For more information, you may view Southside ECC's S.C. School Report Card for the previous school year online at <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UCZzaWQ9MTYwMTAzMg>

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Darlington County School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics in its programs and activities. All schools in the Darlington County School District are accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Members can be contacted by calling the school office at 843-857-3310.



Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Southside ECC School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.