

SES Notable Achievements

- SES “It Takes a Village” was our theme and focus this year as we looked at building strong relationships with our students, staff, and community. Our goal was to bring back parents and community into our building to strengthen our SES Village.
- Started the “All Pro Dads” program where Dads and other men and students met monthly with our principal to learn character traits that help build strong families and relationships in and outside school. Also added, Leading Ladies program and continued Sea Turtle Breakfast club which help to reach kids who need a strong adult mentor in their life.
- Formed a new Robotics team for 4th and 5th grade and started several STEAM initiatives this year: STEM Club afterschool, STEAM Night, Demos in the STEAM Lab, and a partnership with Boeing.
- Brought back Reading Mentors in Kindergarten and added mentors to First grade.
- Continued “Backpack Buddies” and our “Blessing Box” to provide meals to our school family and community.

Summerville Elementary School School Improvement Council

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Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the SES 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.”



2022-2023

Report to the Parents

***Summerville Elementary School...
Inspiring Greatness
through learning, leadership,
and love.***

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Mission Statement:

To educate and empower students to reach their fullest potential

The History of Summerville Elementary School

Summerville Elementary sits in beautiful, historic downtown Summerville, SC. The school was built in 1954. It has been operating for 69 years and has only had 6 principals. We currently serve approximately 528 four-year-old through fifth grade students.

Our school theme this year was, “It Takes a Village” which helped us rebuild relationships within our school, with our parents and our local community. Several churches volunteered on weekends to help beautify our campus by painting and doing yardwork. Sororities and local businesses sponsored several events for students and for faculty to help strengthen morale and our school community.

SES continued to use the Ron Clark Academy House System to create a positive climate and culture for students and staff. All staff and students are randomly assigned to one of four Houses. The goals of the House System are to build character, relationships, and school spirit. Students are awarded positive points as incentives for good behavior, meeting goals, etc... On Early Dismissal days, Houses met together to talk about character building and how to help one another and people in our Summerville Community.

SES DATA Points of Pride for 2022-2023

DD2 continued MAP testing for Reading and Math 3 times a year for all students K- 5th grades. Also teachers administered District Formative Assessments for Reading and Math to deliver and assess rigorous, standards-based lessons.

Out of 15 elementary schools in DD2, SES ranked #2 based on growth and improvement on SCReady data, and received an EXCELLENT Report Card rating for the state of SC!

Reading Data...

SCReady
3rd- 54% Meets/Exceeds- +7%
4th- 66% Meets/Exceeds- +19%
5th- 62% Meets/Exceeds- +28%

Math Data...

SCReady
3rd- 55% Meets/Exceeds- +7%
4th- 65% Meets/Exceeds- +26%
5th- 53% Meets/Exceeds- +7%

School Improvement Plan Goals

GOAL: Student Achievement

*By June 2023, K-5 students will show a decrease of 7% or more in the areas of low to low average on Reading MAP from Fall to Spring

Strategies: MAP Data and Formative Assessments to drive instruction, Differentiated instruction, Class-size Reduction- 2nd grade and 3rd grades, Reading Interventions for 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, Reading Mentors in K5 and 1st grade

GOALS: School Climate

*By June 2023, the % of students with 8 or more unexcused absences will decrease from 10% down to 8%. (49 students down to 39)

*By June 2023, the school will add at least 3 more community partners (from 18 to 21 or more) to create and sustain a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Strategies: Weekly reminders to parents, recognize perfect attendance, Attendance conferences, Counselor letters, Reading Mentors in K and 1st grades, Partnerships with churches on weekends, STEM club, Leading Ladies, Sea Turtle Breakfast Club, Partnership with Boeing.

~The School Improvement Council provides valuable suggestions and input to assist SES in meeting these goals.