

Purpose

South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires School Improvement Councils to report to parents by April 30 each year the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. It is a report unique to each school developed by the council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

Student Achievement Goals

Students at WMES will show a 15% increase in the Exemplary area in *all* content areas for the 2016-2017 school year.

The number of students meeting or exceeding the State Standards, as measured on SC READY (English Language Arts, Writing and Mathematics), will increase by 15% in third grade and 10% in the fourth and fifth grades.



Title I /Parental Involvement

Parents can help ensure their child's success at WMES by doing the following:

Participating in Parent-Teacher Conferences
Quarterly School Newsletters
Teachers/Grade Level Monthly Newsletters
Attending PTSA/SIC Meetings
Volunteering
Using Parent Portal/Teacher & School Websites
Checking Student Agenda Daily
District e-Blast Newsletter
Family Events: Open House, Fall Carnival, Academic Night

Williams Memorial Elementary School

Williams Memorial, located in St. George, was started after the Civil War as an elementary school for African-American children. In 1922, the first Principal of Williams Memorial was the Reverend S.D. Williams, and the school included students in grades one through seven. By 1927, as education was rapidly changing, so was Williams Memorial. In 1942, the school held grades one through twelve and was renamed Williams Memorial School in the memory of its first Principal.



In 1954, the current building was built on nine acres of land. Williams Memorial offered its students academics and extra-curricular activities. In 1970, the school was integrated and housed grades four through nine. The faculty and staff worked tirelessly to give the students an education and life lessons that would help them through the ever-changing world.

By 1993, the school was renovated and in 1994 renamed Williams Memorial Middle School, the school was reorganized to include grades five through eight. Due to changing State regulations, the middle school was changed to accommodate grades six through eight. During the 1999-2000 School Year, the District reorganized the schools, moving St. George Elementary into Williams Memorial Middle. Thus forming our current Williams Memorial Elementary School, which now serves Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade.

School Improvement Council Members 2016-2017

Jeffrey Beckwith, Principal
Ruth Mims, Assistant Principal
Julia Holt-Taylor, Co-Chair
Misty Mizzell, Co-Chair
Tera Jahn, Vice Chair
April Sanders, TOY
Kayla Sadler, RTOY
Kirsten Nash, Parent
April Muckenfuss, Parent
Sharon Hill, Parent
Vicky Jahn, Community Member
Greg Shuler, Business Partner
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Samantha Tobin, Teacher
Lizel Zelasko, Teacher
Natalie Pandora, Teacher
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Williams Memorial Elementary School

Report to Parents 2016-2017

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Williams Memorial Elementary School

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Our School's Mission Statement...

The children, parents, and staff of Williams Memorial Elementary School are unified in their purpose of accelerating the learning of all students through shared decision-making and powerful learning experiences.

Our School's Belief Statements...

- Students will participate in real world learning opportunities that will move them toward success.
- W.M.E.S. will be a safe and caring environment that provides a successful and challenging atmosphere through the support of parents, staff, faculty, students and the community.
- All students will demonstrate qualities of good citizenship in order to be responsible members of the learning community.
- Strengths of all stakeholders (parents, staff, faculty, students and the community) will be identified and built upon to enhance our school.

Clubs/Organizations

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Cheerleaders
- Dance Team
- Chorus
- Art Club
- Recycling Club
- Science Club
- Yearbook
- Birthday Bunch
- Tiger Network Team (TNT News Crew)



Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year

April Sanders, a third grade teacher, is the current 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for WMES. Her educational background consists of a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Elementary Administration from Charleston Southern University. In her spare time, Miss Sanders enjoys cooking, spending time with her friends and family, and singing. Miss Sanders plans to one day serve children in a different capacity, since the world of education is constantly changing.

Kayla Sadler, a pre-kindergarten teacher, is the current 2016-2017 Rookie Teacher of the Year. Miss Sadler's educational background consists of a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education from Winthrop University. Miss Sadler enjoys listening to music, catching up on the latest movies, shopping, and spending quality time with her family. Her long term goals are to further her education by getting her Masters Degree and starting an Art Studio. Miss Sadler continues to encourage her students. She also teaches them that life's experiences and being committed will help them realize their full potential.

Academic Achievement

SC Ready English Language Arts 2016

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	18.9%	49.5%	43%
3 rd Grade	21.7%	47.5%	
4 th Grade	20.2%	46.5%	
5 th Grade	14.1%	55.4%	

SC Ready Mathematics 2016

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	18.6%	41.8%	42.6%
3 rd Grade	17.5%	54.2%	
4 th Grade	24.2%	26.2%	
5 th Grade	14.1%	42.4%	

PASS Science 2016

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	14.7%	84.4%	67.0%
3 rd Grade			
4 th Grade	14.1%	85.9%	
5 th Grade	15.2%	84.8%	

PASS Social Studies 2016

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	13.6%	86.4%	74.4%
3 rd Grade			
4 th Grade	13.1%	86.9%	
5 th Grade	14.1%	85.9%	

Programs & Events Highlights



- Afterschool Homework Center
- P.A.W.S. Student Incentive Program
- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Literacy Day Activities
- *Read Across America* Activities
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- School Website and Teacher Webpages
- Family Events: Open House, Fall Carnival, Academic Night
- Soccer and Basketball Programs
- Winter & Spring Concerts
- Artist in Residence
- Black History Celebration
- Attendance Intervention
- SIT Teams
- Career Day/Job Shadowing
- Spelling Bee
- Math Bee
- School Counseling/Classroom Guidance
- RTI
- Study Island (Computer Lab)
- Learning.com
- Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.)
Jacob's Ladder
M3 Math
- SIC/PTSA
- Trident United Way Day of Caring
- Rotary Readers

