

# Vision Statement

Theodore Lester Elementary School will, in partnership with the community, inspire in all its students, the desire to learn and succeed. Our school will be a safe learning community that celebrates student achievements and encourages active partnerships with families and the entire community. We will empower students to celebrate and learn from our differences while embracing the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Our students will grow into citizens that are ethical in their dealings with others, effective communicators and problem solvers, capable of examining all sides of an issue to reach a resolution that benefits the community at large.



## SIC Members

### Officers

Chair: Chandra Smith  
Vice Chair: Davia Robinson  
Secretary, Laura Freeman

### Community Members

Kinda McInnis  
Jessica Morrison  
Patricia Quillen

### Parent Members

Jessica Morrison  
Davia Robinson  
Chandra Smith  
Jennifer Taylor

### Teacher Members

Pauline Dixon  
Candice Weithers  
Vanessa Harkless  
Pamila Smith

### Ex-Officio Members

Janette Williams, Principal  
Melanie Garand, Assistant Principal

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This report is issued by the Lester Elementary 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.

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## Theodore Lester Elementary Blue Ribbon Beacon School



### Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2021-2022

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Theodore Lester Elementary School faculty and staff are dedicated to inspiring a desire to learn and succeed in all its students. We believe all individuals can learn and experience success. Each day we strive to create a safe learning community while nurturing and growing students into independent, positive individuals who make wise contributions and safe choices. Our faculty and staff are committed to academic excellence and acceptance of cultural diversity as we prepare our students to be responsible, contributing citizens of the 21st century.

## Goals for Year 2021-2022

**Goal #1:** By 2023-24, the percentage of parents satisfied with school-home relations will increase from 60.8% to 75% as measured by the Parent Opinion Survey on SC School Report Card.

**Goal #2:** By 2023-24, the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" on the SC Ready ELA and Math assessments will increase from 27.3% and 25.5% respectively to 40% each as measured by STAR reading and math scores and SC Report Card scores.

**Goal 3:** By 2023-24, the percentage of teachers on continuing contract will increase from 62.2% to 87% as measured by the South Carolina School Report Card.

### Student Achievement

#### Based upon 2021 SCReady/SCPass

SCREADY TEST SCORES			
ELA	2021 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2019 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	+/-
3 <sup>RD</sup>	20%	33%	13%
4 <sup>TH</sup>	17.3%	44%	26.7%
5 <sup>TH</sup>	14.5%	21%	6.5%
6 <sup>TH</sup>	28.1%	26%	2.1%
MATH	2021 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2019 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	+/-
3 <sup>RD</sup>	22%	45%	23%
4 <sup>TH</sup>	3.8%	15%	11.2%
5 <sup>TH</sup>	3.6%	10%	6.4%
6 <sup>TH</sup>	9.4%	19%	9.6%
SCPASS TEST SCORES			
SCIENCE	2021 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2019 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	+/-
4 <sup>TH</sup>	13.5%	36.1%	22.6%
6 <sup>TH</sup>	19.4%	26.2%	6.8%
GREEN	% Score Increased from 2019		
ORANGE	% Score Decreased from 2019		

## Unique Challenges

Children of poverty  
Highway 76 location vs. community school  
School with ESP, Extra Special People  
Teacher recruitment  
Bullying  
Student Attitudes and Behaviors  
No Child Left Behind  
Parent Involvement & Support  
86% Free and Reduced Lunch  
Disabled Students: 34.7% of Enrollment Total

## Student Demographics

General Education	255 Students
Resource Students	41 Students
Self-Contained	93 Students
Orthopedic Self-Contained	1 Students
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>389 Students</b>

## Computer-based Programs to Individualize Student Learning

Theodore Lester Elementary students have school and at-home access to the below computer programs designed to individualize instruction and increase student learning:

Google Classroom  
Classworks  
Readworks.org  
Lexia (Reading)  
Dreambox (Math)  
ABCYa.com  
MyOn (Reading)  
Freckle (Reading & Math)  
Pebble Go (Science & Social Studies)  
Discovery Education  
SC Discuss  
Starfall  
Reading Renaissance  
STAR Reading  
STAR Math

[www.florencelibrary.org](http://www.florencelibrary.org) (tumblebooks)

## Points of Panther Pride

1 to 1 Technology for all students including our exceptional students population  
Certified teachers in all classes  
State of the Arts Autism Multi-Sensory Room  
STEM Lab for all grade levels  
SC State University 4H & Youth Development Partnership  
Part-time academic interventionists for additional student support

### Grant Recipients

- American Heart Association Grant, \$2500, Jessica Crowson
- 3D Visions for Kids, \$494.92, Jessica Crowson
- Coding on All Levels, \$505.38, Jessica Crowson
- Engineering Creativity, \$490.60, Jessica Crowson
- School Foundation Grant (\$3000 to fund Hydroponics STEM Project) Jessica Crowson/Makayla Bailey
- Science P.L.U.S. Institute – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Community Partnerships

4H & Youth Development Division of SC, State University 1890 Extension; Bojangles; Cracker Barrel; First Baptist Church of Florence; Food Lion, KFC; Stone Electrical, LLC; Walmart

