

## School Achievements

Olanta Creative Arts and Science (CAAS) Magnet School, located in Olanta, SC, is a 4K-6th grade elementary school in Florence School District Three. Olanta has a current student population of 185 students.

We have been very fortunate to receive the Magnet Schools grant. Through the funding, we have seen the completion of many projects. We were identified as a Green Steps school during the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school years. We have implemented the Engineering is Elementary curriculum. This year, we offered “Girls Who Code,” a program to interest our girls in coding. We also provided our elementary students with weekly class selections such as piano, dance, chorus, and band.

We were able to offer tutoring in reading and math for first—through sixth-grade students. We also provided three interventionists in reading and math to assist students in grades 5 K—sixth. Through fundraising, we were able to share many field experiences with our students to connect what we are doing on campus to the real world.

Next year, we hope to return to bringing field experiences to our students on campus by providing guest artists and residents in the areas of science and math.



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## Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School SIC Members

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Principal: Melanie Dukes McKnight  
Teacher: Crystal Godfrey  
Parent/Guardian: Alice Peterson  
Community Member: Dianne McKenzie  
SIC Member: Wanda Weber  
SIC Member: Crystal Foe  
R2S Reading Coach: Angela Welch

R2S Literacy Leadership Team Lead  
Angela Welch  
R2S Literacy Leadership Team Member  
Erica Poston

### OTHERS

(May include school board members, district or school administrators, students, PTO members, agency representatives, university partners, Head Start representatives, First Step representatives, etc.)

Assistant Principal: Jacob Gilliard  
School Counselor: Tammy Cooper

*Chair: Wanda Weber, Teacher*  
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## Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School



### Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2024-2025

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**Principal: Mrs. Melanie McKnight**  
**Assistant Principal: Jacob Gilliard**

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### “Integrating Science and the Arts to Grow Life-Long Learners”

*Act Your Best!*  
*Do Your Best!*  
*Believe! Achieve! Succeed!*

# SIC Annual Goals

By 2025-26, 30.79% of our disabled population in grades 3-6 will meet or exceed the state scores based on the state ELA assessment and 30.79% will meet or exceed the state scores based on the state Math assessment.

By 2025-2026, Olanta Magnet's chronic absenteeism will decrease from 8.41% to 6%.

By 2025-2026, a minimum of 85% of all stakeholders will be satisfied with learning environment, the social and physical environment and the school-home relationships as measured by the state survey.

By 2025-2026, a minimum of 55% of students in grades 3, 4, and 6 and a minimum of 40% in grade 5 will meet or exceed the state ELA assessment scores based on the SC Ready ELA assessment administered.

By 2025-2026, a minimum of 48% of students in grades 3-6 will meet or exceed the state Math assessment scores based on the SC Ready Math assessment administered.

By 2025-2026, a minimum of 40% of all students taking the Science state assessment in grades 3-6 will meet or exceed state scores based on the state science assessment.

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## Student Achievement

Data is tracked for all student by grade level, but there are different test based on grade

levels. Third-Sixth grade students are required to take the SC Ready.

- According to SC Ready Math, only 33% of third through sixth grade students scored met or above as measured by spring 2024 SC Ready results.
- This year's MAP scores shows an increase 39.7%.
- Based on MAP, our total school population is showing that 45.5 percent of students scored meets or above grade level in the area of math during the spring 2025 assessment period. Students are making progress but have fallen short on meeting grade level expectations based on five year goals.
- According to 2023 SC Ready Reading, 40.4% of third through sixth grade students were met and above in English language arts. This number increased to 40.6% during the spring 2024 administration.
- 46% of all students are on grade level as measured by MAP. Third and sixth graders exceeded expected growth in reading. Kindergarten, sixth, third and fourth grade students have a higher percentage of grade level mastery when comparing those grade levels spring 2024 MAP data and spring 2025 MAP data.
- When considering growth, current second, third, fourth and fifth grade students have a greater percentage of

students scoring meets or above when comparing 2024 and 2025 spring results.

- OMS has maintained our 1:1 initiative for all students to have access to a variety of technology resources. The goal is to utilize this technology so students are college and career ready. Each student is required to meet Lexia (ELA) and Dreambox (Math) weekly targets.

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## Additional Information

Even though students are making the move towards growth, we still have a long way to go. With support from our parents and staff.

Olanta Creative Arts and Science (CAAS) Magnet School understands that engaging parents in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. It further recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family during the entire time a child attends school. Therefore, Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School shall foster and support active parent involvement so that schools and parents work together as knowledgeable partners in educating children.

### Purpose of the Report

*"This Report is issued by the Myschool 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."*