

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 200 students.

We have been very fortunate to receive the Magnet Schools grant. Through the funding, we have seen the completion of many projects. For example, we have been awarded the status of being a Green Steps school. We have implemented the Engineering is Elementary curriculum. Our state Report Card has grown, moving from Below Average to Average this past school year. We have continued our efforts with Arts Integration and partnered with Arts Now and Spark for professional development opportunities and internships with our students. We have exposed students to various arts integration opportunities that incorporated dance, digital media, music, art, and drama into core area classes. OMS has also allowed our students to participate in drama and theater activities through the Bailey Player group. Students have been exposed to a variety of projects connecting them to their community and showing them how important they are in the community.



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Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School SIC Members

Principal: Melanie Dukes McKnight
Teacher/Parent Liaison: Crystal Godfrey
Parent/Guardian: Alice Peterson
Community Member: Dianne McKenzie
SIC Member: Wanda Weber
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: Crystal Huckabee
Parent: Crystal Foe
Teacher: Angela Osborne
Community Member: Rita Goins

*Chair: Wanda Weber, Teacher
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*Principal: Melanie McKnight
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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.”

Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School



Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2023-2024

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SIC Annual Goals

By Spring 2024, students in grades 5K through 6th will demonstrate progress towards mastery of grade level content by increasing the number of students scoring met or above as measured by NWEA MAP.

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.

Student Achievement

Math	
Fall-	72 students = 38%
Winter -	89 students = 48%
Spring 5K-6 th	79/185= 43%
3 rd -6 th Grade	3-6= 31/98= 32%

ELA	
Fall-	74 students = 39%
Winter -	77= 42%
Spring Total	82/184= 45%
3-6= 96 students	35.4%
MAP Spring=	40/97= 41%

2023 SC Ready Report Card	
Overall Rating: Average	Points: 47
	ELA- 40.4
	Math- 31.2
Science- 18.3	4th- 12.9
	6th- 24.1
Kindergarten:	32% Demonstrating
	32% Approaching
	36% Emerging
Second Grade on Track	
	ELA- 25 Math- 31.3
First Grade on Track	
	ELA:7.7 Math:38.5

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 will be able to be successful.

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.

