

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 160 students.

We have been very fortunate to receive the Magnet Schools grant. With the funding, we have completed many projects. We have implemented the Engineering is Elementary curriculum. We offered “Girls Who Code,” a program to interest our girls in coding and Reading Bots, which integrates coding and reading. We provided our elementary students with weekly class dance.

Next year, we are adding more agricultural experiences for our students. A goat pen has been created, providing students with opportunities to care for animals. Students will learn the life cycle of a chicken through a partnership with an outside agency, and they will be able to join after-school clubs such as the Gardening Club, Beta Club, Good News Club, and Recycling Club. Third-sixth graders will have the opportunity to work with the Bailee Players in the area of arts and drama.

We were able to offer tutoring in reading and math for first—through sixth-grade students. We also provided two 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, connecting what we do on campus to the real world.

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Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2025-2026

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Arts to Grow Life-Long
Learners”**
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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.

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.

- 26% of our disabled population in graders 3-6 met or exceed the state scores based on the SC Ready assessment for ELA and/or Math.
- We ended the year with a chronic absenteeism rate of 32.84%.
- According to SC Ready Math, 34.1% of third through sixth grade students scored met or above as measured by spring 2025 SC Ready results.
- According to 2025 SC Ready Reading, 50% 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.
- 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.
- An average of 93% of all stakeholders are satisfied with learning environment, the social and physical environment and the school-home relationships as measured by the state survey.
- 26% of all students in 4th and 6th grade scored Meet or Exceeds in

Science as measured by the SC Ready assessment

- 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 i-Ready weekly targets.

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."