

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 215 students.

We have been very fortunate to receive the Magnet Schools grant. Through the funding, we have been able to see the completion of many projects. For example, we highlighted our environmental science focus with hiring a resident scientist, and through her efforts, have been awarded the status of being a Green Steps school.

We have implemented the Engineering is Elementary curriculum. We have also continued our efforts with Arts integration as well as creating an exploratory block to invite students to join Arts-focused clubs such as Dance, Advance Arts, Chorus, Tumbling, and for the first time we are able to offer band to our elementary students.



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Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School SIC Members

- Principal: Melanie Dukes McKnight
- Teacher: Crystal Godfrey
- Parent/Guardian: Rita Goins
- Community Member: Sophia Reynolds
- Paraprofessional: Georgetta Cash
- SIC Member: Wanda Weber
- R2S Reading Coach: Christy Flowers

- R2S Literacy Leadership Team Lead
Christy Flowers
- 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.)

MSAP Site Coordinator Crystal Huckabee.

Example:

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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” 2022-2023

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SIC Annual Goals

By Spring 2023, students in grades 5K through 5th will demonstrate progress towards mastery of grade level content by increasing 1 percentile or more based on performance on NWEA's MAP Reading.

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

When comparing Spring 2022 data with Spring 2023 data, percentile growth of two percentiles or more were seen in grades 5K, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade math and 5K, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade ELA as measured by Measures of Academic Progress (MAP),

- 5K students have a median RIT in the 70th percentile in reading and the 61st percentile in math,
- First grade students grew from the 28th percentile to the 36th percentile in reading and from the 39th percentile to the 55th percentile when comparing MAP Fall to Spring results,
- Second grade students moved from the 16th to the 28th percentile in math,
- Third grade students moved from the 15th to the 23rd percentile in reading,
- Fourth grade students moved from the 35th to the 48th percentile in reading and the 35th to the 47th percentile in math,
- Fifth grade moved from the 36th percentile to the 48th percentile in reading and from the 22nd to the 29th percentile in math,
- Sixth grade students grew two percentiles in math.
- SC Ready ELA scores have grown in the Met or above category in ELA from 16.2% to 29.3% and from 14.6 % in math to 25.2%.

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.

