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FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR

Every Student Achieving

Excellence

Report to the People

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The mission Florence County School District Four is to provide students with a high-quality education through innovative curriculum. We provide educational experiences that promote character development, responsible citizenship, and lifelong learning in an ever-changing world.

District Goals for 2015-2016

- Strengthen relationships between school, parent, and community to improve overall academic achievement, social development, and community involvement.
- Increase the percentage of students scoring met and exemplary as measured by state assessments.
- Provide quality professional development opportunities for the district staff.

Strategies to meet goals included:

- Expanded communication opportunities through the use of Facebook, Twitter, Florence Four App, Peach Jar, Remind, Parent-Link Phone Communication, and Teacher Web pages.
- Implemented TE-21 Benchmark Assessments which are aligned to state standards to monitor student progress and plan instruction.
- Reviewed and analyzed district and school report cards to determine school goals for 2015-2016 school year.
- Implemented Student Learning Objectives.
- Supported participation in Building Capacity through Teacher Leadership which emphasized curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Achievements & Community Service

- THS Girls Varsity Basketball Team; Undefeated record, Lower-State Championship and State Class A Runners-Up!
- Kyler Dukes-President and Grace Thomas-Vice President; JAG state delegates.
- The district Whirlwinds Heart Club raised funds to support the Florence Area Humane Society and the American Heart Association.



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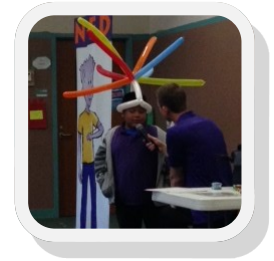


Brockington Elementary School

The mission of Brockington Elementary in cooperation with home and community is to prepare our students for the 21st century by providing a literacy-rich curriculum that produces literacy-rich learners across each content area.

Goals for the 2015-2016 school year are to:

- improve reading and math skills by closely monitoring student progress using STAR Reading and Math.
- decrease the number of office referrals.
- develop a viable curriculum for grades K-5.



To meet these goals:

- Teachers and administrators are participating in Saturday workshops called Building Capacity Through Teacher Leadership in collaboration with other priority schools .
- Teacher leaders and administrators are sharing the curriculum developed with the other teachers from grades K-5.
- Several teachers are participating in STEM professional learning opportunities sponsored by Darlington County throughout the school year with hands-on instructional practices which they are utilizing in Math and Science instruction.

Students have engaged in on-campus activities throughout the year to address meeting their individual academic needs and help build self-esteem. This was accomplished through:

- After School Program with Club Day activities (Good News Club, Science/Art, Music and Technology Clubs) offered for all grade levels K-5.
- Saturday Star Academy for excelling students.
- educational fieldtrips that enriched the curriculum and expanded learning beyond the classroom.

Special student recognitions include selections to be published in:

- The Young American Poetry Digest
- The National Young Poet’s Collections

Opportunities for parent participation include:

- Fall Family Festival
- Reading/Write Night
- Math and Science Night activities

Special thanks go out to the BJT Alumni, civic organizations and local businesses and affiliates for their continued support of Brockington Elementary School.

Educationally yours,
 Mary T. Brayboy, Principal
 Ashley Ward, SIC Chair
 Renee Brown, SIC Vice-Chair
 W. Jean Green, SIC Secretary

ACT-Aspire & SCPASS—% Meeting and Exceeding Standard						
	Engl	Read	Writ	Math	Sci	SS
Gr 3	28.7%	6.1%	6.0%	16.7%	Not Tested	Not Tested
Gr 4	23.4%	12.7%	2.4%	4.3%	20.8%	60.4%
Gr 5	40.5%	8.1%	5.9%	5.4%	16.2%	35.1%

Johnson Middle School



The mission of Johnson Middle School is to provide safe, nurturing, and enthusiastic learning environment that prepares students to be college and career ready in the 21st century.

JMS 2015-2016 school year goals include the following:

- Improve/increase student achievement
- Create effective professional development opportunities
- Develop standards-based curriculum guides in core areas

Year-long strategies to meet these goals included:

- Participating in Saturday workshops called Building Capacity through Teacher Leadership in collaboration with other priority schools.
- Implementing effective instructional strategies and developing curriculum maps for grades 6-8.
- Implementing TE-21 Benchmarks/ Score 21 Assessments through-out the school year.
- Using STAR Reading and STAR Math to address literacy and math skills.
- Incorporating rich literacy activities using content-area Scholastic magazines with interactive online activities based on relevant and real-world applications.
- Redesigning the master schedule to create teams with common planning and provide more electives for students to improve student learning.
- Implementing use of SMART-TVs and iPads to increase student engagement.
- Integrating curriculum with hands-on activities in the After-School program using Voyager which includes LEGO education.

ACT-Aspire & SCPASS—% Meeting and Exceeding Standard						
	Engl	Read	Writ	Math	Sci	SS
Gr 6	33.3%	5.6%	6.1%	30.6%	25.0%	30.6%
Gr 7	36.6%	7.7%	6.0%	5.9%	28.0%	24.0%
Gr 8	56.8%	22.7%	7.0%	11.4%	48.9%	46.7%

JMS Student Recognitions

- Several 8th grade students have been selected to participate in ACTIVATE Academy in the summer through Francis Marion University, the Center of Excellence for College and Career Readiness. This is the second group of students that have been chosen for the opportunity.
- Congratulations to our Academic Challenge Team for having an awesome season this year! The team won three of the six matches the season and two played at the Middle School Academic Tournament, which was held at for Francis Marion University.
- Students participation in the book-float parade in conjunction with the reading initiatives integrating literacy across the curriculum-making books come alive.



Mr. Langston Brown, JMS/THS Principal
Mrs. Bernetta Easterling, SIC President

Timmonsville High School

The mission of Timmonsville High School is to provide safe, nurturing, and enthusiastic learning environment that prepares students to be college and career ready in the 21st century.



THS 2015-2016 school year goals include the following:

- To encourage creativity while promoting character and career development
- To increase literacy and comprehension in all content areas
- To develop future leaders who exhibit ethical behavior
- To develop a culture of caring and learning
- To provide a disciplined environment that is conducive to high student achievement.



School Highlights

- Dual enrollment opportunities through Florence Darlington Technical College. Juniors and Seniors have the option to attend these classes online or on FDTEC campus during the school-year!
- Additional elective classes such as Forensic Science, ACT/SAT Prep, and Medical Terminology through VirtualSC
- STEM opportunities through a Farm- to-School Grant.
- Darlington County School District collaboration where Math and Science Teachers participated in professional development opportunities
- Professional development opportunities for EOC teachers through Building Capacity through Teacher Leadership with priority schools
- Blending learning and technology integration in classrooms

End of Course Exams—% of Students Passing Exam			
English 1	Algebra 1	Biology 1	US History
42.0%	68.9%	59.3%	22.9%

Student Recognitions

- Ahmud Johnson; appointed member of the Junior Leader Florence County through the Clemson Extension Service and the Greater Chamber of Commerce
- Antavis Goode and Ahmud Johnson; DECA voting delates for state competition in Charleston SC
- Titus Echols and Isis McNeal; finalists for DECA Employee Acquisition Competition for state competition in Charleston, SC
- Isis McNeal; fourth winner up/DECA Employee Acquisition
- Isis McNeal; writing finalist in state competition
- Shiana Bailey; Education Reform Student Advisory Committee (SC House Education and Public Works Committee)
- Justice Gee; signed to play basketball with East Carolina; WPDE-TV15 Miss Hoop Zone 2015
- Alaya Woods; SC All State Girls Varsity Basketball Team
- Shaniya Wright; 2016 WPDE-TV 15 Hoop Zone Team
- Trayvion McCray; SC All State Boys Varsity Basketball Team
- Torey McFadden; signed to play basketball with Morris College, Sumter SC

Mr. Langston Brown, JMS/THS Principal ~ Mr. Darrell McFadden, SIC President