

Sara Collins and the Greenville Community

At Sara Collins Elementary we have many opportunities for community involvement. Our volunteers, businesses, and educational partners are an essential part of our school community.

Our PTA provides us thousands of volunteer hours each year. They organize several fund-raisers including our annual Freaky Friday. Proceeds from these events provide our students with additional technology, playground and facility enhancements, and classroom support, including instructional development and materials.

Adult and student volunteers provide support, such as Tuesday Tutoring, to reinforce basic skills, enhance and enrich the curriculum, and aid teachers in developing supplementary materials for the classrooms.

Business partners including Palmetto Family Orthodontics, Southern First, BiLo, Frodo's, Papa John's, Zoes, Chick-Fil-A, Firehouse Subs, and Publix donate their time, services, materials, and money to enrich the lives of students

JL Mann and Greenville High Schools provide Teacher Cadets who spend time in classrooms helping teachers and students. USC Upstate, Converse, Furman, Anderson, Clemson, and Bob Jones Universities assign student teachers to develop their skills in teaching while assisting us in meeting our goals.

South Carolina Report Card Ratings

	2015-17	2014	2013	2012
Absolute Rating	N/A*	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Growth Rating	N/A*	Excellent	Good	Good

*SC Report Card Ratings not given in 2015

Palmetto Gold Award for Achievement, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013

Palmetto Silver Award for Achievement, 2012

Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Gap 2016, 2015, 2012, 2011, 2010

ESEA Federal Accountability Grade
(Since 2014-15 ESEA grades not given.)
2013-14 90.1 A

Performance Goal 1: Math					
<i>The percentage of students scoring Met & above on SC mandated math test will increase from 79.3% in 2012 to 84.3% in 2018. Test changed in 2015 and again in 2016.</i>					
MATH (2011-'14 SC PASS; 2015 ACT Aspire; 2016-'17 SC READY)					
<i>(Test changed in Spr. 2017)</i>	Sara Collins % Met	District % Met	State % Met		
Spring 2017	58.1%	56%	46.4%		
Spring 2016	85.2%	80.1%	77.7%		
Spring 2015	Data from single ACT Aspire Test does not correlate.				
Spring 2014	83.1%	77.5%	80.2%		
Spring 2013	78.3%	77.3%	74%		
Spring 2012	79.3%	77.4%	74.4%		
Performance Goal 2: English Language Arts					
<i>The percentage of students scoring Met & above on the SC mandated reading/research test will increase from 81.3% in 2012 to 86.3% in 2018. Test changed in 2015 and again in 2016.</i>					
ELA (2011-'14 SC PASS; 2015 ACT Aspire; 2016-'17 SC READY)					
<i>(Test changed in Spr. 2017)</i>	Sara Collins % Met	District % Met	State % Met		
Spring 2017	58.5%	51%	41.5%		
Spring 2016	82.1%	81.3%	76.6%		
Spring 2015	Data from single ACT Aspire Test does not correlate.				
Spring 2014	83.9%	78.6%	82.9%		
Spring 2013	84.7%	80.5%	80.2%		
Spring 2012	81.3%	78%	76.8%		
Performance Goal 3: English Language Arts					
<i>Eighty percent of first graders will score as "established" on the Reading Curriculum-Based Measure in spring AIMS Web testing.</i>					
AIMS Web Data—% "Established" in Reading					
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
56%	76%	69.6%	72%	72.8%	74%
Dr. Melissa Burns, Principal Mrs. Cheryl Elliott, Assistant Principal Mrs. April Roberts Administrative Assistant Mrs. Holli Hamner, IB Coordinator & Instructional Coach Mrs. Sandra Miller, PTA President Mrs. Susan Shelley, SIC Chair					

Sara Collins Elementary
International Baccalaureate
World School



Annual Report to the Community

2017-2018



The mission of Sara Collins Elementary is to educate children to become knowledgeable, responsible citizens in a global society by providing a meaningful curriculum, which integrates community and technological resources.

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Awards and Accomplishments

- Palmetto Gold Award 2016, 2015, 2014
- Palmetto Silver Award 2016, 2015, 2012
- Culinary Creations School since 2012-2013
- SCPTA Outstanding Local Unit of the Year, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, and 2012
- LiveWell Greenville Grant recipient, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013
- Safe Kids School since 2009
- Accreditation by AdvancED 2014-2019
- Greenville County Emerging Teacher of the Year, 2010
- State Department Red Carpet Award since 2003
- National PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence 2008-2012
- 53rd Annual Freaky Friday PTA fall fundraiser 2017-2018
- SCPTA Family and Community Involvement Award, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2009
- SCPTA Communication & Membership Enrichment Awards, 2017, 2016, 2015
- IB 5-Year Reauthorization 2018, 2012, 2007
- SCPTA 100% Membership Award for 40 years (a Gold Oak Leaf Association)
- LEGO Robotics Gracious Professionalism Award 2013
- Home to a Milken Family Foundation National Educator
- Eleven National Board Certified Teachers
- Battle of the Books, 1st place in Greenville County 2012 and 2011
- First Palmetto Finest Award Winner 1978

International Baccalaureate

Primary Years Program

Sara Collins Elementary School was authorized as the first IB PYP school in Greenville County in 2004. We completed the five-year self-study in 2007, 2012, and 2017. Our most recent site visit was in fall of 2017.

The Mission of the IB program is to “develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect.” Students learn about their own culture and beliefs, and learn to recognize others’ perspectives. Curriculum is organized under six large themes. Students are encouraged to take responsible action in response to their learning. Students reflect on and assess their role as learners using the attributes of the Learner Profile: ***Inquirers, Thinkers, Communicators, Risk-takers, Knowledgeable, Principled, Caring, Open-minded, Well-balanced, and Reflective.***

IB students develop and practice the IB Attitudes in the community as well as at school. The IB attitudes are ***Empathy, Tolerance, Integrity, Curiosity, Enthusiasm, Independence, Confidence, Appreciation, Commitment, Respect, Creativity, and Cooperation.***



Outstanding Features and Programs

- International Baccalaureate World School - Primary Years Program
- PYP Student Exhibition (Grade 5)
- Spanish Program (Grades 2-5)
- Greenville County Schools’ Satellite Program for Students with Hearing and Orthopedically Impairments
- YMCA After School (On-Site Program)
- Active and supportive PTA and Volunteer Programs
- CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) School
- “Pay It Forward” fundraiser to support other schools
- LEGO Robotics Team (Grades 4-5)
- Singing Scouts Chorus (Grades 4-5)
- Safety Patrol and Student Helper Program
- Sizzling Saturdays –Family Engagement
- Student Council (Grades 3-5)
- Tuesday Tutoring
- Breakfast Buddies and Mentoring in partnership with Greenville Mentors
- Grandparents & Special Friends Club
- Literacy Support Team—RTI - Reading Intervention Program (K-3)
- Scout Terrific (Focus on IB Attitudes and the Learner Profile)
- Math Olympiads (Grades 4-5)
- The Amazing Shake ~*Professionalism with a Personal Touch*” (Grade 5)
- Nature Trail (ADA accessible)