

Sara Collins and the Greenville Community

Since it opened in 1964, Sara Collins Elementary has enjoyed strong community support. Our volunteers, businesses, and educational partners are an essential part of our school community.

Our PTA serves thousands of volunteer hours each year. Proceeds from Freaky Friday and other fundraising events provide students with additional technology, playground and facility enhancements, and classroom support, including instructional development and materials.

Volunteer tutors and speakers reinforce basic skills, and enhance and enrich the curriculum. Middle and high school students, along with adults, volunteer for Tuesday Tutoring by reading with students before school. Other volunteers aid teachers in developing supplementary materials for the classrooms and organize and staff special events.

Business partners donate their time, services, materials, and money to enrich the lives of students. These business partners include Palmetto Family Orthodontics, Southern First, Infinity Marketing, BiLo, Frodo's, Papa John's, Zoe's, Chick-Fil-A, Firehouse Subs, and Publix. Many community members volunteer for The Amazing Shake.

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 Rating

(Note: new scales, new surveys beginning fall 2018)

2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22

Average Excellent Excellent

State Testing Performance Goals

Performance Goal 1: Math

The percentage of students scoring Met & above on SC READY will increase from 57% in 2017 to 76.5% in 2023..

	Sara Collins % Met	District % Met	State % Met
Spring 2017	59%	54%	46.4%
Spring 2018	64%	52%	49.6%
Spring 2019	60%	64%	45.1%
Spring 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring 2021			
Spring 2022			

Performance Goal 2: English Language Arts

The percentage of students scoring Met & above on SC READY will increase from 57% in 2017 to 76.5% in 2023..

	Sara Collins % Met	District % Met	State % Met
Spring 2017	57%	49%	40.5%
Spring 2018	61%	48%	42.1%
Spring 2019	60%	58%	45.4%
Spring 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring 2021			
Spring 2022			

Performance Goal 3: English Language Arts

Annually increase the percentage of K—5th grade students reading on grade level as defined by Fountas & Pinnell, Fastbridge, MAP, and other measures.

*N/A—students did not take assessments during the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic.

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fountas & Pinnell	Baseline to be set. Spring '19		N/A			
K—1st Fast-Bridge	Baseline to be set. Spring '19		N/A			

Dr. Melissa Burns, Principal
 Mrs. Cheryl Elliott, Assistant Principal
 Mr. Matthew Moser, Administrative Assistant
 Mrs. Carrie Johnson, IB & Instructional Coach
 Mrs. Katie Kratky, PTA President
 Mr. Bart Cumalander, SIC Chair

Sara Collins Elementary
 International Baccalaureate
 World School



Annual Report to the Community

2020-2021



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

- IB PYP Authorization and Reviews 2017, 2012, 2007, 2004
- Accreditation by AdvancED 2013—present
- Palmetto Gold Award 2019, 2016, 2015, 2014
- Palmetto Silver Award 2016, 2015, 2012
- SCPTA Outstanding Local Unit of the Year, 2016, 2015, 2013, and 2012
- SCPTA Platinum Palmetto Award 2017-18
- SCPTA Family and Community Involvement Award, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2009
- SCPTA Communication & Membership Enrichment Awards, 2017, 2016, 2015
- SCPTA 100% Membership Award for 41 years (a Gold Oak Leaf Association)
- National PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence 2008-2012



- 56th Annual Freaky Friday PTA fall fundraiser 2020-2021
- LiveWell Greenville Grant recipient, 2019, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013
- Safe Kids School since 2009
- LEGO Robotics Gracious Professionalism, 2019
- SEL Innovation Award from Education First and the NoVo Foundation 2018
- Many Donors Choose Grant Recipients
- Home to a Milken Family Foundation National Educator
- Eight National Board Certified Teachers
- First Palmetto Finest Award Winner in SC, 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 cycles in 2007, 2012, and 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.



Outstanding Features and Programs

- International Baccalaureate World School -Primary Years Program
- PYP Student Exhibition (Grade 5)
- Spanish Program (Grades 1-5)
- Extended Day Program (On-Site)
- Active PTA and Volunteer Program
- CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) School
- “Pay It Forward” to support other schools
- LEGO Robotics Team (Grades 4-5)
- Singing Scouts Chorus (Grades 4-5)
- Battle of the Books
- Safety Patrol and Student Helper Program
- Sizzling Saturdays –Family Engagement



- Student Council (Grades 3-5)
- Tuesday Tutoring
- “Greenville Livewell”, grant winner
- Breakfast Buddies and Mentoring in partnership with Greenville Mentors
- Grandparents & Special Friends Club
- RTI - Reading Intervention Program (K-2)
- Profile Pride: Focus on IB Learner Profile
- The Amazing Shake ~ *Professionalism with a Personal Touch* ~ at Sara Collins Elem.
- Visits from Authors, Illustrators, and Artists-in-Residence
- Fields Days by Grade Level