

E. B. Morse Elementary School



REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2022-2023

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Purpose of the School Improvement Council Report

This report is issued by the E. B. Morse Elementary 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.



SIC 2022-2023 Goals

- Decrease the number of students scoring Did Not Meet and Approaching on the SC Ready Math assessment from 74.8% to 50%.
- Decrease the number of students scoring Did Not Meet and Approaching on the SC Ready ELA assessment from 69% to 50%.
- Decrease the number of students in 3rd grade scoring Does Not Meet on the SC Ready ELA assessment from 35.6% to 25%.

Student Achievement Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): Winter 2022-2023

% of Students in Grades 1st-5th Who Met or Exceeded District Grade MAP ELA Goal: 39%

% of Students in Grades 1st-5th Who Met or Exceeded District MAP Math Goal: 28%

MAP Explanation: The above MAP percentages represent students who met Target or Excellent Expectation using the 2020 MAP mid-year norms. MAP is given three times a year to 1st-5th graders as a progress monitoring tool.

E. B. Morse Elementary School's 2022-2023 SC School Report Card can be accessed at <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov>

Our school motto for the 2022-2023 school year is "Watch Us Grow" and we are happy to report that we grew seven points on the most recent SC School Report Card. This growth did not happen without the tireless efforts of teachers, interventionists, instructional coaches, and support staff. Likewise, the support of parents and other community members was integral in our improvement. However, the work has only just begun, as our goal is to increase our Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and state assessment results.

In order to not only sustain but improve upon the momentum we have produced, it will be imperative that we continue to focus on our general, Tier I instruction. No level of intervention or additional support can replace quality, day-to-day learning overseen by a passionate and quality teacher. In acknowledgement of this, we will build upon a Professional Learning Communities (PLC) model for the 2023-2024 school year in which grade-level teams not only plan together but review standards-based data. By doing so, teachers will be able to reflect upon and adjust Tier I instruction as needed. Additionally, focusing on individual student data per instructional standard will allow teachers to continue to challenge students already meeting grade-level expectations.

None of the above will be possible without the continued support of the community. Therefore, we plan to hold community-centered events throughout the 2023-2024 school year. We acknowledge and celebrate the integral role parents and guardians play in the development of each child's education. It is our sincere honor and privilege to participate in the educational journey of each and every one of our students.

E.B. Morse Elementary Overview

- 4K-5th Grade Scholar Program
- PK-5th Grade Montessori Program
- 21st Century After-School Program
- YMCA Daycare and After-School Program
- After-School Tutoring Throughout the Academic Year
- Raiders in Training Leadership Program
- "World Series" MAP and HMH Initiative to Increase Student Motivation During Assessments
- Student of the Month and Quarterly Achievement Celebrations
- Mustang P.O.W.E.R. Character Education Initiative
- Use of Extended Planning on Thursdays to Allow for Greater Teacher Preparation

2022-2023 Honorees

Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Amy Blakely



Support Staff of the Year: Mrs. Ardvae Yeargin



EBM Distinguished Literacy Teacher: Mrs. Sonya Padgett



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