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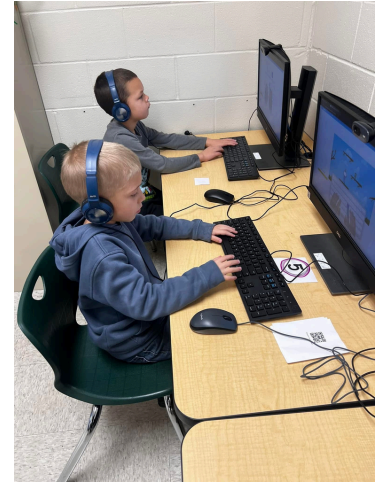
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Waterloo Elementary School

Annual School Improvement Report to the Community

2024 - 2025



SIC Annual Goals

THE GOALS OF THE 2024-2025 WES SIC FOCUSED ON IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, INSTRUCTION AND CULTURE, COMMUNICATION, AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT.

Goal 1: Goal 1: Increase the number of students scoring Meets and Exceeds by 5% in the area of Reading (60% to 65%) by May 2025.

Goal 2: Increase the number of students scoring Meets and Exceeds by 5% in the area of Math (57% to 62%) by May 2025.

- Implementing the Five Steps of Effective Learning
- Focus on the SC 4.0 Teaching Rubric to help teachers improve their planning, instruction, and assessment
- Weekly Cluster meetings and job-embedded professional learning
- Intentional planning and implementation of Tier 2 interventions
- 1.6 Reading Interventionists to work with students grades 5K through 5th
- Implementation of Thinking Maps in classrooms
- Learning Walks conducted by the Instructional Leadership Team
- Feedback sessions with teachers following observations and learning walks to continue building teacher capacity

Goal 3: Increase the climate score from Average to Good by May 2025.

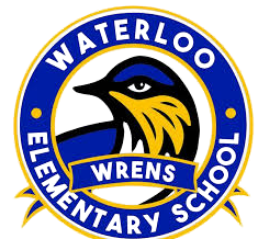
- Weekly phone alerts to parents
- Regular use of Facebook to highlight school events and achievements
- Weekly staff newsletters
- Parent Events: Open House, Literacy Night, Family STEAM event, PTA Fall Festival & Spring Fling
- Community Partnerships: Greenville Drive, Michelin, Boy Scouts of America, Cedarwood Community Church
- School-wide virtual Morning Meeting
- Monthly classroom guidance lessons
- Monthly character traits to correlate with classroom guidance lessons

Purpose of the SIC Report

This report is issued by the Waterloo 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 S.I.C., and other accomplishments during the school year.

WES SIC Members:

Haley Adair, Teacher
Melissa Anderson, Parent
Michael Creason, Community Member
Suzanne Fay, Administrative Assistant
Emily Parks, Principal
Tyrhonda Route, Teacher
Barbara Smith, Community Member
April Storey, Parent



School Achievements

- Waterloo Elementary School received an *Good* rating on the 2023-2024 State Report Card. This was the highest report card score in the district.
- Waterloo Elementary School was named one of five 2025 National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) Founder's Award finalists.
- Mrs. Anna Freeman, 2nd grade teacher, was chosen as the school's Distinguished Literacy Teacher.
- Waterloo Elementary School was awarded a \$1,000 STEAM grant through Michelin.
- The Art and Music programs received \$14,500 in grant awards from the SC State Department of Education and SC Arts Commission.
- Our students returned 100% of the reading logs to complete the Greenville Drive's "Reading All-Stars Challenge" for the fourth year in a row.

Programs Offered

- MakerSpace activities in the Media Center
- Participation in the Greenville Drive Reading All-Stars Program
- Participation in Michelin STEM annual competition
- Academic & Behavioral incentive programs
- Student of the Month recognition
- School-wide participation in Red Ribbon Week, Read Across America, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Black History Month
- Partnership with the Joe Adair Outdoor Education Center and TEAM Ecology participation
- Intersession Attendance and Academic Support
- Full-day CERDEP 4K program
- Honors Choir



Student Achievement

During the 2024-2025 school year, Waterloo Elementary School focused on high-quality instruction to improve student achievement. Students took the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test three times throughout the year to measure the progress of their learning. During the 2024-2025 school year, the following gains were made from Fall to Spring according to MAP results:

MAP Reading

Percent of Students Performing Above 40% from Fall to Spring

First Grade
52% to 74%
Second Grade
45% to 51%
Third Grade
42% to 79%
Fourth Grade
68% to 81%
Fifth Grade
64% to 44%



MAP Math

Percent of Students Performing Above 40% from Fall to Spring

First Grade
66% to 85%
Second Grade
38% to 42%
Third Grade
53% to 79%
Fourth Grade
54% to 68%
Fifth Grade
69% to 48%