

Lower Lee Elementary School faculty and staff are working diligently to assist all students in the development of the world-class skills and the life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. We are empowering our students to achieve their fullest potential by providing a diverse, student-centered environment that prepares them to be lifelong learners and active, productive members of our community. We provide such an environment through the implementation of the South Carolina College and Career Readiness Standards and district guides.

The school community purposely and consistently provides an academically stimulating environment where all children recognize and achieve excellence. At Lower Lee Elementary School, we live out our motto “Learners Leading through Excellence” while reciting our School Pledge. Every morning, our students and faculty are reminded of our core values and those characteristics that we know are revealing of world-class learners. We also emphasize and highlight core values on a monthly basis through our Character Education Program. In fulfilling the school’s mission, “to empower students, staff, and community members to be life-long learners and leaders through commitment and collaboration,” the school community purposely ensures that all students are successful as members of an ever-changing society through effective teaching of a challenging and relevant curriculum.

Lower Lee Elementary school is located in Maysville, South Carolina. We proudly serve 207, students in grades four year old kindergarten through fifth grade. Our administration, faculty, staff parents and community members work collaboratively to provide an academically stimulating environment that is conducive for learning. As a one -to -one district, all students utilize technology to enhance learning.

As always, our primary objective is to improve student achievement. Through the ongoing analysis of our state testing results, common formative assessments, running records, and quarterly benchmark data, we are able to reflect upon our instructional strategies, assessments, and programs. This analysis assures us that we are personalizing instruction as much as possible for our students and enables us to continually provide diagnostic instruction. Our students are monitored closely through the use of Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessment System and the analysis of quarterly benchmark testing data. After each benchmark testing session, the administrative team, and teachers conduct grade level data meetings. During this time, individual student data such as benchmark scores, classroom common assessment scores, behavior, and attendance are analyzed. For this reason, our school made great strides in

increasing reading levels for each child and earned a Good Rating on the South Carolina School Report Card. Because of our hard work and dedication to academic excellence, our school was removed from the Priority Schools List. Additionally, our students showed an increase in reading levels, quarterly benchmark gains, and winning many awards. Moreover, LLE had three winners in the Lee County School District Spelling Bee, Christmas Post Card Contest, and District Science Fair. These accomplishments demonstrate the efforts of every individual involved in the education process of our students.

At Lower Lee Elementary School, we have various Related Arts programs which focus on the development of the whole child. We offer dance, music, art, band, digital literacy, and a 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school initiative. Additionally, we have embraced the PBIS/Positive Action based model which is based on the intuitive philosophy that we feel good about ourselves when we demonstrate positive actions. To nurture the love of learning, students enjoy memorable events such as Family Literacy Night, Book Give-Aways, college tours, Earth Day celebration, Science Fair, Family STEM Night, Oratorical Contest, and Authors Tea. All of the above student-centered activities foster engagement and meaningful learning. We celebrate success during our Blue Carpet Awards each nine weeks, Good Citizens Pizza with the Principal. Monthly Birthdays, and 3Rs Recognition Program.

Lee County School district administration, Board of Trustees, families, business/community partners, Parent Teacher Organization, and School Improvement Council and other advisory groups generously support our efforts, planned programs, instructional practices, extra-curricular activities. Through the reflection of practices, the faculty and staff monitors and adjusts its programming and practice to help all children reach their full potential.

