

School Achievements

Gilbert Elementary School had a number of accomplishments during the 2020-2021 school year. Our multimillion-dollar renovation was completed this school year, along with a significant change to the configuration of our school. Formerly known as Gilbert Primary School with 4K-2nd grade, we added grades three through five and the name of our school changed to Gilbert Elementary.

Using Title I funds, we were able to provide each student at GES with an average of ten to twelve take-home books this school year. We also used Title I funds to implement our first Extended Day Program for identified students during the fourth quarter. The program provides sixty-eight students with intensive reading instruction over the course of twenty-four two-hour sessions.

We formed a partnership with the Teachers College in order to provide teachers with five days of targeted professional learning. We made progress on our AVID journey by engaging in a year-long planning process with our AVID District Director in anticipation of our first full year of implementation in 2021-2022.



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Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2020-2021

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A Title I School

All About GES

Motto: Growing, Learning,
Leading... Together

Mission: Empowering students by
developing the whole child
through academics and
leadership.

Teacher of the Year: Hope Halfacre

SIC Annual Goals

The Gilbert Elementary School SIC focused on supporting the school in achieving school-wide goals as well as supporting our families, students, and staff during the difficult circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The SIC also engaged in a revision of our bylaws to reflect the new name of our school and provided helpful input and feedback for changes to our afternoon dismissal process for car riders.

Looking Ahead to 21-22

For the 2021-2022 school year, GES will open a new Creative Writing class in our Encore program (Related Arts). This will create another opportunity for students to practice authentic writing across a variety of genres.

GES will also begin our first full year of AVID implementation in 21-22. Our AVID journey will start at one grade level and then we will expand to other grade levels in subsequent years. Reading Recovery will also come to GES in 21-22! Two of our Interventionists will be trained to implement this evidence-based program.

Student Achievement

Text Levels
Quarter 3, Spring 2021*

Grade	Meeting or Exceeding Expectation
5K	55%
1 st	34%
2 nd	43%
3 rd	64%
4 th	64%
5 th	57%

STAR 360
Winter 2021 Data**

Area	At or Above Expectation (All Grades)
Early Literacy	47%
Reading	48%
Math	61%

* Quarter 3 results are reported, as end-of-year results were not available at the time of this report.

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Highlights

- *Visionaries* international documentary was released by the New York City Leadership Academy, featuring the work of our 1st grade team and Assistant Principal Sujata Wallace
- 5 days of targeted professional learning for grades K-2 with our Teachers College consultant
- 5 days of targeted professional learning for grades 3-5 with our Teachers College consultant
- Began an Extended Day Program for identified students during the 4th quarter using Title I funds
- Additional renovations and improvements in our central courtyard
- New playground equipment, including inclusive equipment for students with special needs
- Hope Halfacre, GES Teacher of the Year, was named a *Finalist* for the District Teacher of the Year Award
- 4th grade student won a regional writing award through Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative's EnLighten SC Book Contest
- 2020-2021 is our AVID Planning Year with a full year of implementation in 2021-2022

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