

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Absolute Rating: Good
Growth Rating: Excellent
Free/Reduced Meals: 67%

Enrollment: 465

White: 157 Asian: 17 Other: 31
African American: 233 Hispanic: 27



This 2015 School Summary Report is brought to you by Leaphart's School Improvement Council: An action committee consisting of parents, community leaders, and teachers striving to improve our school.

SIC MEMBERS

Chris Holcombe, President and
Community Member

Jim Weih, Parent

Melissa Varnell, Parent

Tiffany Murrill, Teacher

Ta-Quanna Harris, Parent

Trina Wagstaff, Teacher

Brian Riddle, Community Member

Gregory Sprouse, Parent

Kelly Brown, Principal

Courtney Long, Assistant Principal

Please contact Kelly Brown at kcbrown@lexrich5.org
if you would like to be a part of SIC.

MISSION STATEMENT OF LEAP

The mission of Leaphart Engineering Arts Program (LEAP) is to **inspire**, **CHALLENGE**, and **empower** all students by providing a rigorous problem-solving curriculum that is grounded in authentic engagements designed to create dynamic and innovative global citizens.

WHAT ENGINEERING MEANS AT LEAPHART

- Engineering is a way of thinking about how things operate and work.
- Engineering is collaborative.
- Engineering is a problem solving process to improve our current way of life.
- Engineering in our school is intentional and interdisciplinary.

LEAPHART Elementary School

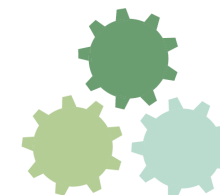
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Mrs. Kelly Brown, Principal

Ms. Courtney Long, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Denise Collins-Bennett, Magnet Director

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LEAPHART
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Council ANNUAL REPORT to Parents and Community 2015-2016



This report is issued by Leaphart Elementary School's School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals, the work of the School Improvement Council, and other accomplishments during the school year.

GOALS

RIGOR: Increase our progress toward rigor as it relates to Demonstration of Learning and Classroom Culture from 52% to 80% as measured by the pre- and post-Rigor Rubric Self-Assessment conducted by LES staff.

RELATIONSHIPS: By June 2016, 100% of teachers will participate in focused activities to increase positive relationships with students, families, and members of the community.

ENGINEERING: By June 2016, LES will strengthen the Science and Engineering Practice of Constructing Devices or Designing Solutions by implementing the following components on the Engineering Observation Form in weekly engineering blocks: Use of LEAP Design Process, work towards solving real-world problems, use of manipulatives after adequate research has been completed, and a product to showcase and communicate solutions.

STRATEGIES

- We will increase student exposure and knowledge to real world engineering concepts.
- We will increase and sustain parental involvement, community collaboration, and business partnerships.
- We will expand the application and integration of technology in all grade levels.

2015 - 2016 EVENTS

5th Annual Leap Into Thinking Through Engineering Conference

Bridging the Gap	Connections	Fine Arts Night	Family Math Night
Family Engineering Night	Parent Power	Girls Who Dream	Walk to School Day
National Engineers Week	Boys Who Rise	Real Men Read	Family Literacy Night
Days of Engineering Conference		First Responders Luncheon	



TESTING HIGHLIGHTS

MAP
Math (winter)

1st grade

88%

Met or Exemplary

South Carolina
PASS
Social Studies

4th grade

80%

Met or Exemplary

South Carolina
PASS
Science

5th grade

80%

Met or Exemplary

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Palmetto Gold Award** for overall performance
- **Palmetto Silver Award** for closing the achievement gap
- Rated #24 by Niche for **The Best Schools in South Carolina**
- **Breakfast in the Classroom** grant recipient for all students
- **National Title I Distinguished School**
- **South Carolina Title I Distinguished School**
- Received "Excellent" growth rating on school report card
- Jennie Burns awarded the **Betty J Dewitt Outstanding Educator Award** by SC Farm Bureau
- Hosted 5th Annual **LEAP into Thinking Through Engineering** conference for students district-wide
- Nine **National Board Certified teachers**
- Partnerships with **PITSCO, 3D Systems, and Project Lead the Way** to enhance engineering curriculum
- Observed National Engineers Week by hosting Leaphart's annual engineering conference (district students), **Family Engineering Night**, speakers throughout the community, and school-wide **Days of Engineering** Conference.
- Trina Wagstaff, Teacher of the Year
- Susan Spencer, Support Staff of the Year
- **Girls of Leap** and **Boys Leadership Academy** foster leadership skills in our young men and women
- Hosted **Parent Power** and **Bridging the Gap** for our parents
- Hosted 3rd annual **Real Men Read**, a program designed to instill a love of reading in students
- 3rd year of **IMPACT**, Leaphart's own after-school program, with over 80 students