



# Cherokee Trail Elementary School Report to the Community 2022-23



South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Council to publish and distribute an annual report to parents describing the progress the school is making towards achieving its goals and objectives as outlined in the school's strategic plan. This report will also highlight successful activities and programs from the 2022-23 school year.

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## CTE Mission Statement and Beliefs

The mission of Cherokee Trail Elementary School is to support and challenge students every day to learn lifelong skills to become creative, responsible, and productive citizens.

- All students, regardless of race, age, creed, age, or ability can learn and be successful.
- All students have worth, dignity, and uniqueness.
- All students deserve a safe and positive environment for learning.
- All students have the potential to become productive members of society.
- Home environment expectations and attitude play an important role in student's development.
- Diversity of students must be reflected in the staff, programs, and priorities.



## Progress Toward School Improvement Council Goal For 2022-23

Based on an analysis of 2021-22 School Survey results, improving communication between the school, parents, and local community continues to be an ongoing goal. Traditional paper communications, school calendars, parent-teacher conferences, and student planners/take-home folders continue to provide information to parents about school events as well as how their child is progressing towards grade-level expectations. Additionally, our school increased our efforts to make timely announcements through our social media accounts, website, and thrillshare texts and phone calls to families. Regular communications between the home and school has remained a top priority for this school year, and student families have been invited into the school to attend music performances, Pizza with Parents lunches, Breakfast with Buddies, Literacy Night, STEAM Night, and Field Day. Our community has been invited to participate in Career Day and as guest speakers.



# Cherokee Trail Elementary Annual Summary

Brian Milford, Principal



## Cherokee Trail Elementary - Highlights of Our School Year

- CTE received a SC School Report Card rating of Excellent for both our elementary and middle school programs.
- Meteorologist Sidney Sullivan from WYFF visited our campus to share weather information with our sixth graders.
- Our PTO supported a “CuLTurE” change within our school by providing field day t-shirts to every student free of charge.
- Both Title I Parent Nights in December and March drew over 300 students and family members into our school for hands-on learning activities.
- The first annual Vocabulary Day Parade, during Read Across America week, inspired students to showcase unique words through designing clothing that represented the word’s meaning to others.
- CTE’s Career Day community speakers represented seventeen different career paths that students had the opportunity to explore.
- The Greenville Theater and Greenwood Community Theater presented productions to our students to expose them to drama standards in ELA.
- Fourth and fifth grade students participated in science field trips through a Abbeville County 4-H program that utilizes our local community resources.
- Our PTO sponsored Cozy Up and Read afternoons to encourage students to practice their independent reading in a relaxed environment.



## Assessment Data

### SC READY ELA % Meets & Exceeds

2021-22

3rd	70.4
4th	80.9
5th	52.8
6th	67.3
7th	54.4
CTE	65.2

### SC READY MATH % Meets & Exceeds

2021-22

3rd	72.2
4th	53.2
5th	37.7
6th	72.7
7th	58.8
CTE	58.9

### SC READY SCIENCE % Meets & Exceeds

2021-22

4th	68.1
6th	78.2
CTE	73.2

**School Ranking-Excellent**  
School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

SchoolDigger.com ranks Cherokee Trail Elementary 95th of 625 South Carolina public elementary schools for 2021-22 and our Middle School is ranked 21st of 310 SC public middle schools.



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