

REUBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS

2025-2026



The mission of RES, in partnership with families and the community, is to educate all students in a safe, nurturing and creative environment to BUILD UP responsible, productive citizens in an ever-changing society.

SIC MEMBERS

Chair

Jessika Mickle, Chairperson

Elected

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Michelle Williams, Community Member

Appointed

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Motto:

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Grow Together.



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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS

School Climate

Reuben Elementary maintains a positive, safe, and welcoming environment through strong communication and home-school partnerships, with 97%+ parent and 100% teacher satisfaction on the 2025 survey. While chronic absenteeism is increasing, we are addressing it by promoting belonging and the importance of attendance.

Student Achievement

Reuben Elementary is focused on increasing academic growth through data-driven instruction, with goals to improve Math i-Ready performance in grades 2–3 and increase growth targets met in grades 3–5 for both Math and ELA. We monitor data closely and provide strengthened Tier 1 instruction, targeted interventions, and daily enrichment opportunities to address learning gaps and support student success.

Teacher/Administrator Quality

Reuben Elementary is committed to maintaining a highly qualified staff, with a goal of 75% retention, 66.7% of teachers holding advanced degrees, and three National Board Certified. Ongoing professional development, including LETRS training, supports continuous growth and effectiveness.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Link to 2025 State Report Card - <https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eTOyMDIOJnQ9RSZzaWQ9MzYwMTAxNQ>

SC Ready Percent Meets/Exceeds

	ELA 2023	ELA 2024	ELA 2025
Grade 3	35%	40%	69%
Grade 4	59%	39%	40%
Grade 5	47%	68%	59%

	Math 2023	Math 2024	Math 2025
Grade 3	40%	60%	54%
Grade 4	59%	43%	40%
Grade 5	53%	58%	59%

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SIC GOALS

Reuben Elementary School will increase stakeholder participation in school events, surveys, and decision-making opportunities as measured by sign-in sheets, survey response rates, and event attendance records.

Action Steps:

Reuben Elementary will increase stakeholder participation through consistent, multi-platform communication, engaging family and community events, and expanded opportunities for involvement in school decision-making. The school will also strengthen outreach efforts and community partnerships to ensure all stakeholders feel informed, welcomed, and encouraged to participate.

Progress:

Success will be measured by increased attendance at school events, higher survey response rates, and greater stakeholder involvement in SIC and volunteer opportunities. Additional evidence will include improved school climate survey results related to family engagement and communication.

Evidence of Success:

Increasing stakeholder participation strengthens the home-school connection, resulting in improved student attendance, engagement, academic performance, and a more positive school climate through consistent support from both school and home.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At Reuben Elementary School, we use student performance data from SC READY, i-Ready, and KRA to guide instruction and support all learners. Data analysis has highlighted strengths and areas for growth, particularly in upper grade achievement and overall progress. In response, we are strengthening Tier 1 instruction with high-quality materials, providing targeted small-group interventions through our MTSS framework, enhancing early literacy and numeracy in primary grades, and using PLCs to regularly review data and adjust instruction. These efforts reflect our commitment to continuous improvement and student success.

Awards and Recognition

- National ESEA Distinguished School
- Palmetto Gold 2015, 2024
- Palmetto Silver 2011, 2012
- COGNIA Accreditation
- Title I Reward for Performance
- Teacher and Support Staff of the Year
- Distinguished Teacher of Literacy Award
- National ESEA Distinguished School
- America's Healthiest Schools Bronze Recipient

School and Community Highlights

- Summer Program (PreK – 5th)
- Chorus & Art Club for 3rd – 5th grades
- Reading Incentive Programs
- Leadership Roles for Students
- Free School Breakfast Program
- Class and School Newsletters
- Afterschool Enrichment Program / Boys and Girls
- PTO and SIC meetings
- School Gardening Project
- Healthy Heart Fundraiser
- School and PTO Fundraisers
- District – Wide Shrek, Jr. District Musical Performance
- Beta Club 3rd – 5th grades
- Reading Hammock Garden
- District Fitness Olympics

Interested in getting involved? Our School Improvement Council welcomes your ideas and support. Contact us to learn how you can be a part of making a difference at our school.