

# **Welcome to Northside Elementary School**

Home of the Bobcats, Northside Elementary School is nestled in the heart of downtown Seneca, South Carolina, Northside is one of the three elementary schools in the Seneca area of the School District of Oconee County. Currently serving 621 students, Northside Elementary stands as the largest elementary school in the district. From Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, and inclusive of self-contained special education classes, our school offers a diverse range of programs to meet the needs of every learner. Whether it is our Preschool Intervention Program (PIP), Intensive Teaching Classroom (ITC), or our functional behavioral classroom, we are dedicated to ensuring that every child receives the support they need to succeed.

While our roots date back to 1958, when the school first opened its doors with just one wing, our focus remains on the future. Today, our campus spans 100,750 square feet, with school additions made in 1995 and 2009. At Northside Elementary, our motto, "Be prepared, united, respectful, and responsible, 'PURR' with pride and be learners for life," guides our work daily. We are committed to fostering a community of lifelong learners who are prepared to succeed. Welcome to Northside Elementary where every day offers a chance to learn and grow!

The Northside Elementary School Improvement Council has prepared this report in compliance with South Carolina regulations in order to update the community on the school's achievements, progress towards goals, and the efforts of the SIC throughout the academic year.

## Mission & Vision

Our mission at Northside Elementary is to challenge every child to be a learner for life.

Our vision is to provide all students with the strategies and tools to learn and succeed in a global world.

# **School Improvement Council**

Charlotte Kiker	Principal
Paige Lowe	Assistant Principal
Kristin Hedden	Assistant Principal
Kristin Frady	SIC Chair
Shawn Smith	SIC Secretary
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Stephanie Shulick	SIC Member
Geoff Smith	SIC Member
Shannon Wright	SIC Member





# **School Information**

- Enrollment: 621
- Males: 323 Females: 298
- Demographics
  - 19% African American/Black
  - 1% Asian
  - 55% Caucasian
  - 15% Hispanic or Latino
  - 1% Indian
  - 9% Two or More Races
- Teachers: 44





# Report to the People 2024-2025 THSIDE ELEMENT

# School Activities & Student **Opportunities:**

- All Pro Dads
- Beta Club (4th & 5th Grade)
- Career Day
- Chick-fil-A Core Essentials Program
- Chorus (5th Grade)
- D.A.R.E (5th Grade)
- Family Literacy Morning
- Field Day
- Girls Math Group (3rd-5th Grade)
- Good News Club
- Hispanic Heritage Day
- P3 Soccer Camp After School Program
- PAWS Targeted Instruction
- Pumpkinfest
- One Seneca Acts of Kindness Donation Drive
- Read-a-Thon
- Read Across America Week
- Real Men Read
- Schoolwide IXL Challenge
- Science Fair (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Shop with a Bobcat
- STEM Lab (PK and 3rd-5th Grade)
- Swimming & Water Safety (3rd Grade)
- WCAT Bobcat News (5th Grade)
- YMCA After School Program









See Why We Love NES!





Scan the QR code to hear from our amazing students.

# **Northside Elementary Improvement Goals & Results**

#### SIC STRATEGIC PLAN

The School Improvement Council (SIC), composed of administrators, teachers, parents, and community members, partners with the school to create and implement a five-year strategic plan. This plan includes performance goals dedicated to enhancing the overall culture and learning environment of the school in order to foster continual improvement and growth for all stakeholders.

#### SCHOOL CLIMATE GOAL

By 2027, 95% of teachers who participate in the school climate survey will agree or strongly agree with the statement "The level of teacher and staff morale is high at my school"

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GOAL

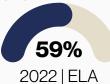
By 2027, 70% of students in grades 3-5 will score Meets Expectations of Exceeds Expectations on the SC READY English Language Arts Assessment.

#### HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION GOAL

By 2027, 95% of students, teachers, and parents who complete the annual school climate survey will agree or strongly agree with the statement "I am satisfied with the learning environment at my school."

### 🎥 Academic Achievement

Percentage of 3rd-5th grade students scoring in the "met" or "exceeds" range in English Language Arts on SC Ready.

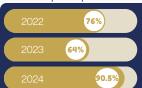






## School Climate

Overall perception of the school culture.



According to the results from the school climate survey the percentage of teachers who agree with the statement "The level of teacher and staff morale is high at my school" increased from 64% in 2023 to 90.5% in 2024.

### Home-School Connection

Percentage of individuals satisfied with the learning environment of the school.

2023

**Teachers** 







2024



**Teachers** Students

**Parents** 

In 2024, NES has made meaningful progress toward achieving all three goals outlined in the SIC Strategic Plan.

