

Northside Elementary

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The Mission of
Northside
Elementary is to
challenge every child to
be a
Learner for Life.

Progress Towards Strategic Plan Goals

Student Achievement

This year, we have:

- ☑ Implemented the new SC College and Career Ready State Standards for English Language Arts and Math in grades K-5
- ☑ Continued the district implementation of the enVision math series in grades K-5
- ☑ Continued MAP testing and analyzing data to increase student achievement
- ☑ Meeting with students to goal set for MAP and testing performance
- ☑ On-going evaluation of our curriculum for our students to increase their potential—RIT band instruction in math
- ☑ Continued the use of instructional technology such as iPads, SmartBoards, and Chromebooks
- ☑ Increased our use of our leveled text library for non-fiction instruction
- ☑ Increased our number of teachers in grades K-4 trained in Early Literacy Professional Development strategies through Clemson University including ESOL and Special Education
- ☑ Continued staff development for teachers in small group literacy instruction and running records
- ☑ Increased our classroom sets of leveled texts

School Climate

This year, we have:

- ☑ Fostered diversity among students by widening participation in our Los Tigres student club
- ☑ Maintained parental and community support through activities such as the Watch DOGS program, our annual 5K/One Mile fun run, Jumping into Kindergarten nights, Bingo Night, and other activities
- ☑ Increased our offerings of extracurricular programs such as Chorus, Safety Patrol, and News Show, with Drama, STEMS, and archery.
- ☑ Continued PBIS and School Guidance programs
- ☑ Conduct periodic drills of emergency procedures
- ☑ Continue to expand and update our teacher handbook to mentor teachers new to Northside



Dear Parents,

Northside Elementary is a school rich in history but yet willing to change with the times. Currently, Northside is one of the largest elementary schools in Oconee County with a student population of approximately 650 students. However, some traditions remain the same. We are a school that continues to challenge each child to be a Learner for Life! To accomplish this task, we form a partnership with the home and our community. It is our team approach to learning that grows and stretches our children while supporting them as well throughout their educational experiences at Northside. Our dedicated staff provide quality instruction that helps ensure our student achievement is consistently higher than state and national averages. It is only through our commitment to each child that Northside will continue to grow and strive for excellence.

Geoff Smith, Principal

Kevin Brock, SIC Chairperson

Accomplishments

Northside Elementary rises to the challenge everyday of making each child a Learner for Life! The faculty and staff are dedicated to stretching and growing professionally in order to learn new ways to meet our children's diverse needs. We are proud of our achievements and continually seek to improve and find the best educational techniques and strategies for our students. We have received the following recent honors and awards:

- 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007: Palmetto Silver/Gold Achievement Award Winner from SCDE
- 2015—2012 SWU Science Fair participants
- 2010 PBIS Banner School
- 2008 Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Science Fair Overall Elementary Division School Winner
- 2008 recipient of four Oconee Education Foundation teaching grants
- 2007, 2004 Red Carpet School Winner

School Statistics

Enrollment 643 students
69% White
17% African American
7% Hispanic
51% on subsidized meals
96% Average daily attendance

Meet Your School Improvement Council Members

Kevin Brock, President
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Geoff Smith, Ex-Officio

Instruction and Assessment

The students at Northside Elementary are provided an enriching and challenging yet supportive curriculum to meet their needs. Our school follows the state academic standards in ELA, math, science and social studies. In addition to these resources, we challenge our students to further reach their potential through the use of Foss Science kits, AIMS science explorations, leveled texts, Jet Toy competitions and an annual Science Fair among many other opportunities. Furthermore, our teachers understand the value of using the NWEA Learning Continuum to push or support children in literacy and math skills based on their MAP score.

While students in grades 3-5 did participate in the new ACT Aspire testing last Spring, the state opted for a new test this year. Therefore, there will be no data to compare longitudinally. Instead, we will focus on our comparative MAP data.

Instructional technology is incorporated into daily instruction through the use of SmartBoards, ChromeBooks, and iPads. This technology is paired with high-quality teaching techniques in order to best meet the needs of the students. These practices are evidenced by the MAP scores indicated on the

MAP Comparison Data—Fall 2015

	Northside	District	National Avg.
Kindergarten			
Reading	142.9	141.4	141
Math	141.1	139.6	140
1st grade			
Reading	162.9	163	160.7
Math	166.1	165.2	162.4
2nd grade			
Reading	180.6	177.7	174.7
Math	184.6	180.6	176.9
3rd grade			
Reading	192.3	190.4	188.3
Math	193	191	190.4
4th grade			
Reading	198.4	198.9	198.2
Math	202.8	201.7	201.9
5th grade			
Reading	210.5	208.2	205.7
Math	215.3	212.4	211.4