

Northside Elementary

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An Update on the Progress of Our School Strategic Plan

Student Achievement

This year, we have:

- ☑ Continued to implement the SC College and Career Ready State Standards through the SDOC Standards Based Timelines in English Language Arts and Math in grades K through 5th grade.
- ☑ Continued implementation of district initiative to create consistency in Formative Reading Assessment by the use of Fountas and Pinell in grades K through 5th grade.
- ☑ Use of state assessment, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our incoming kindergarten students.
- ☑ Continued implementation of formative NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) to inform classroom instruction through analysis of MAP Test Data.
- ☑ Use of new MAP Student Profile Report and the SC Ready Correlation to identify at risk students in English Language Arts and target these students for interventions based on the identified skills.
- ☑ Increased our technology materials to create One-to-one in all of our first through fifth grade classes.
- ☑ Increased use of district CANVAS platform to provide instructional lessons for students and teachers by guiding students to use district sponsored applications housed on the CLEVER landing page to access programs such as Google docs, Moby Max, Learning A-Z, and IXL.
- ☑ Continued professional development for teachers in small group math instruction, running records, use of Literacy Assessment Portfolios, features available in MAP program such as MAP Skills Navigator, and MAP Reading Fluency.

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

School Climate

This year, we have:

- ☑ Maintained parental and community support through activities such as our annual Bingo Night, Family Tailgate Night, PTA meetings, Read to Succeed meetings, as well as Literacy and Math/Science Nights.
- ☑ Continued our offerings of extracurricular programs such as Chorus, Safety Patrol, News Show Productions, along with STEM Labs, Science Fair, and Jet Toy Competitions.
- ☑ Continued our Positive Behavior Intervention System and School Guidance programs that include mentoring, Career Day, Character Education, and Internet Safety.
- ☑ Conducted periodic drills of emergency procedures.

Dear Parents and Community Friends,

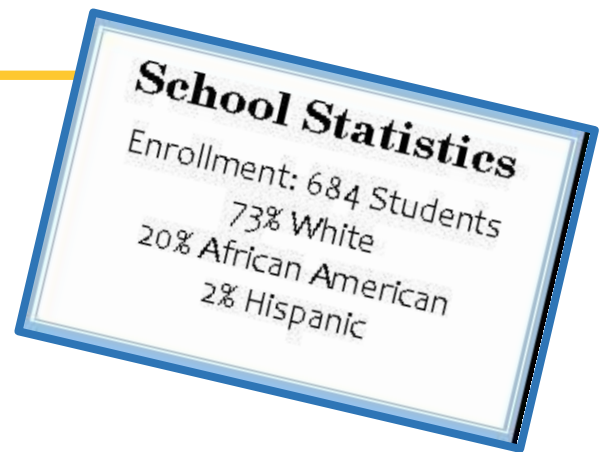
Northside Elementary is a school that is rich in history and well established in the community. As we have grown over the years we have been willing to change to meet the needs of our growing population as well as changes in society. Currently, Northside is one of the largest elementary schools in Oconee County with approximately 684 students. Even with the changes, we hold onto our traditions. We are a school that continues to challenge each child to be a Learner for Life! To accomplish this task, we form partnerships with the home and our community. It is our team approach to learning that grows our students academically and socially. Our dedicated staff provide quality instruction that helps our students consistently perform above the state and national averages. It is this commitment to each child that allows Northside to continue to grow and strive for excellence.

Geoff Smith, Principal

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Instruction and Assessment

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The students of Northside Elementary are provided instruction that follows the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. Our teachers use the Measures of Academic Progress Assessments to guide their instructional decisions. This assessment is a predictor of how our students will perform on their state assessment. Teachers can identify strengths and weaknesses to support students in gaining the skills they need to show maximum growth. The data shared below shows the percentage of students who are meeting or exceeding grade level standard expectations that are above the district and state averages. The second chart shows a two-year comparison in which our teachers are providing instruction that is resulting in more students meeting and exceeding expectations while reducing the percentage of students falling into the Not Met category in Mathematics.

2019 Northside School Grade: Good

	English Language Arts	Mathematics
	% Meets/Exceeds	% Meets/Exceeds
Our School	53.0%	56.5%
Our District	44.4%	48.0%
Statewide	45.4%	45.1%

2018/2019 Two-Year Comparison

	2018 Not Met	2019 Not Met	2018 Approaches	2019 Approaches	2018 Meets	2019 Meets	2018 Exceeds	2019 Exceeds
ELA	16.3%	18.3%	31.0%	28.7%	36.4%	31.5%	15.7%	21.5%
MATH	17.6%	13.2%	28.2%	30.3%	29.5%	28.1%	24.5%	28.4%

