

## Mission Statement

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by:

- a culture of collaboration, equity and inclusion.
- a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities.
- a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all.

## Belief Statements

We Believe That...

- honoring individuality through respect and empathy empowers and promotes acceptance, which builds family and community.
- effective communication is key to understanding others.
- purpose is the core of existence.
- moral values shape who we are.
- a servant's heart encompasses love that is manifested in action and deed toward self and mankind.
- freedom is an inherent right.
- time is life's most valuable asset.
- growth mindset is necessary to adapt and embrace change.

## Profile

Edisto Primary School is a Title I school serving 702 students in grades 4K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. We are located in rural Orangeburg County in Cordova, South Carolina. We strive to ensure that all our students reach their fullest potentials academically and socially.

Edisto Primary School holds the AdvanceEd Accreditation with 96% of our certified staff being identified as Highly Qualified!



The purpose of the Report to the People issued by the Edisto Primary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law is to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the 2023—2024 school year.

## Community Outreach

Parent / Grandparent Appreciation Day  
United Way Donations  
State Department Literacy Night  
For the Love of Reading  
Community Food Drives  
Socks for Seniors  
Special Olympics  
Early Childhood Major Partnerships  
(OC-TECH, Claflin, and SC State)  
Relay for Life  
Samaritan House  
Veteran's Day  
Unified Champion (SPED)

# Edisto Primary School

Home of the Mighty Cubs



**2023-2024  
Report to the People**



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## Goals

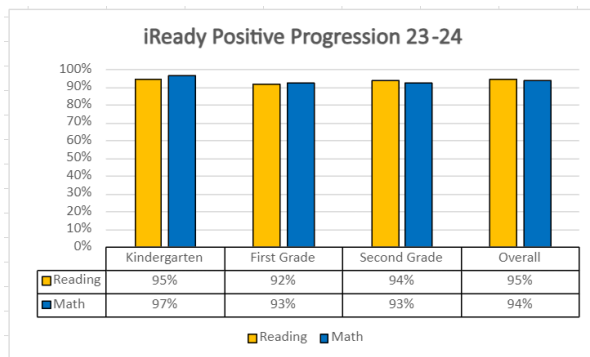
90% of the Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students will show a positive progression from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024 on the iReady Assessment in Reading.

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## Data

The data below represents the percentage of students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade who showed positive progression on the iReady assessment from Fall 2023 until Spring 2024.

(Data include General and Special Education Students)



## Academics

- Wit and Wisdom (Reading)
- Eureka Math
- Letterland Phonics Program
- FOSS (Science)
- Interventionists
- Waterford Upstart Program
- Flexible Grouping
- iReady Assessment Suite
- Individual Growth and Development Indicators (myIGDIs)
- Summer Reading Challenge
- Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
- One to One iPad Devices for Students

## Ways to Support

- Volunteer
- Join EPS Parent Teacher Organization
- Participate in Various Fundraisers
- Box Tops for Education
- Donors Choose Project Support
- Coca Cola School Project
- Book Fairs
- School Improvement Council

## National Board Certified

- Dr. Mary Jane Davis
- Dr. Virginia Kemp
- Kimberly Russell
- Silene Stephens
- Dawn K. Whitesides

## Community Partnerships

- Ebenezer Baptist Church
- Embark Church
- Claflin University
- Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office
- Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
- Orangeburg Department of Public Safety
- Clemson Extension
- Orangeburg County Library
- Cordova Fire Department
- South Carolina State University
- Edisto Fork Baptist Church
- Edisto High School
- Sonic
- Piggly Wiggly
- Okonite

## School Highlights

- American Education Week
- Silene Stephens - Teacher of the Year
- Gereldene Auton, Support Person of the Year
- Spelling Bee
- Career Day
- Field Day
- Veteran's Day Activities
- Family Literacy Night
- Family Math Night
- Read Across America Week
- Red Ribbon Week
- Related Arts Showcase in the Community
- Scholastic Book Fair
- School Improvement Council
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Back to School Orientation
- Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Grant
- Clemson's School to Farm Grant
- MUSC Healthy Rewards