

## 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.

## SIC Members

### Elected Members:

Samantha Benton  
Brittany Hallman  
Russlyn Herron  
Misty Williams  
Annee Sugick  
LaTaya Temple

### Appointed Members:

Michole Fogle  
Bria Frazier  
Stacie Kershaw

### Ex-officio Members:

Jeronica King  
Steven Preast  
Dawn Whitesides

## School Profile

Edisto Primary School is a Title I school serving 647 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 2024—2025 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

Jump Rope for Heart

Veteran's Day

Unified Champion (SPED)

# Edisto Primary School

Home of the Mighty Cubs

2024-2025

School Improvement Council  
Report to the People



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Assistant Principal: Mrs. Dawn K. Whitesides

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Jeronica King

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# SIC Goals

- Increase the number of students who are identified on grade level in Reading.
- Increase the number of students who are identified on grade level in Math.
- Reduce the percentage of students performing below grade level in phonics.
- Reduce the number of students who are suspended from school.
- Reduce the number of students who are identified as Chronically Absent.

## Data

### iReady Data

READING			
EPS Typical Growth	Fall 2024	Winter 2024	Spring 2025
Edisto Primary School	0%	49%	97%
Kindergarten	0%	53%	104%
First Grade	0%	49%	94%
Second Grade	0%	45%	90%
MATH			
EPS Typical Growth	Fall 2024	Winter 2024	Spring 2025
Edisto Primary School	0%	55%	90%
Kindergarten	0%	59%	109%
First Grade	0%	53%	90%
Second Grade	0%	52%	79%

# Academics

- Students have improved in reading over the school year from 12% being on grade level to 48% being on grade level.
- Students have improved in math over the school year from 3% to 36% being on grade level.
  - \* *Floating TAs*
  - \* *MTSS Groups per pod*
  - \* *Data chats with parents, students, and teachers*
  - \* *Reading and Math Interventionist*
  - \* *Weekly PLC, alternating Reading and Math*

## Community Partners

- Ebenezer Baptist Church & Harvest Hope
- Boeing
- SCSU 1890 Research and Extension
- Deloris Frazier, Orangeburg City Counsel
- Cordova Fire Department
- Claflin University
- St. George Baptist Church (Good News Club)
- The Omegas Fraternity
- Zeus
- Samaritan House

## National Board Certified

Dr. Mary Jane Davis, Teacher for the Visually Impaired

Dr. Virginia Kemp, Teacher Coach

Mrs. Silene Stephens, 1st Grade Teacher

Mrs. Dawn Whitesides, Assistant Principal

Kimberli Russell, Kindergarten Teacher

# School Highlights

- Mrs. Dawn Whitesides named Assistant Principal of the Year 2024-2025
- Mrs. Brittany Hallman named Alternative Teacher of the Year 2024-2025
- Mrs. Jeronica King named one of the top 3 Assistant Principals of the Year 2024-2025
- Ms. Abigail Bingham named SCATE Student of the Year and OCSD Rookie Teacher of the Month (October 2024)
- Mrs. Silene Stephens received the National Life Changer Award
- Coach Tennille Williams and the Health Committee received the Grand Prize from the Boeing Center for Children's Wellness Grant
- Mrs. Hazira Begum shared her Indian Culture
- Dr. Derrick James held Science Day for 1st and 2nd graders
- Read Across America Week
- Career Days
- Orangeburg County Fair
- 1st Annual Edisto Primary School Pageant
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drive
- Orangeburg County School District Spelling Bee
- Edisto Primary School Special Olympics