

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 603 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!



Community Outreach

Parent / Grandparent Appreciation Day
United Way Donations
Math and Literacy Night
Parent Night
Community Food Drives
Socks for Seniors
Special Olympics
Early Childhood Major Partnerships
(OC-TECH, Claflin, and SC State)
Samaritan House
Veteran's Day
Unified Champion (SPED)
SCSU 1890 Research and Extension

Edisto Primary School

Home of the Mighty Cubs



2025 - 2026



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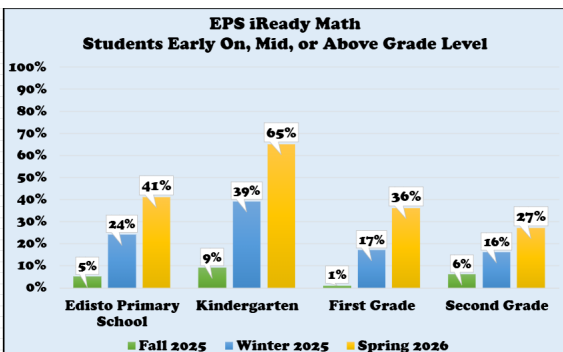
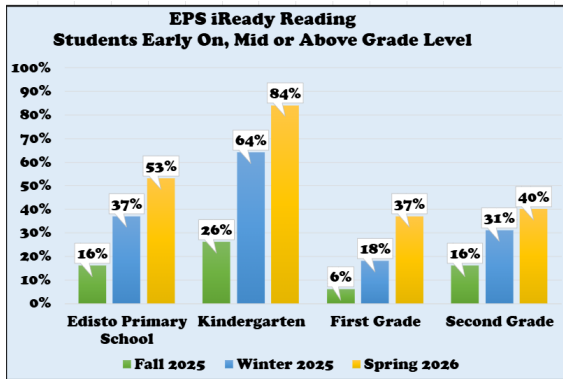
Goals

By May 2026, students will increase their reading growth in Phonics from 18% to at least 70% or more, as measured by iReady.

By May 2026, students will increase their math growth in Number and Operations from 6% to 60% or more, as measured by iReady.

Data

The data below represents the percentage of students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade who are Early On, Mid, or Above Grade Level during the 2026 Spring iReady Assessment. (Data includes General and Special Education Students)



Academics

- Wonders - McGraw Hill (Reading)
- Envision - SAVVAS (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
- Donors Choose Project Support
- Coca Cola School Project
- Book Fairs
- School Improvement Council

National Board Certified

- Dr. Mary Jane Davis
- Kimberli Russell
- 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

School Highlights

- American Education Week
- Tennille Williams - Teacher of the Year
- Lisa Phelps, Support Staff 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