

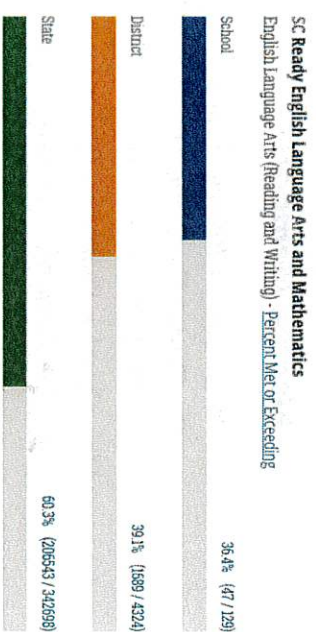
SIC Annual Goals

The Council continued demonstrating ways to communicate positively with families and community members. This report highlights some of the steps taken to be intentional and creative in keeping students and parents informed, which makes our home-school relationship successful.

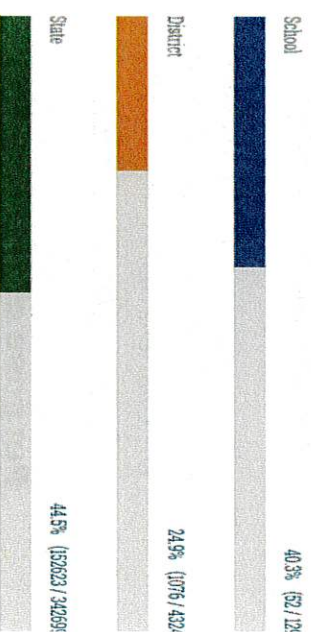
During various family engagement events, parents received instructional strategies, materials, and incentives to support classroom instruction. As a continued part of our efforts to cultivate home-school relations, we have hosted many engaging activities for parents and students. Parents were invited to learn and explore our teaching and learning environment, learn more about the SC Standards for various content areas, student achievement, and engage in parent/student data chats.

As a system of ongoing communication, parents received weekly classroom newsletters, principal's updates, Class Dojo messages, and social media posts to highlight campus activities, share instructional information, as well as highlights about student academic performance, activities, and student events as incentives for academic achievement!

WES Achievement Data



State Report Card Reading Data



State Report Card Math Data

Whittaker Elementary School Today

- The 2025-2026 enrollment is 314
- Our average daily attendance for the 2024-2025 school year was 94.3%
- WES is accredited by Cognia
- Our 2025 School Report Card Rating – Average
- Number of Certified Teachers: 25
- Number with advance degrees: 92.8%
- National Board-Certified teachers: 2

SIC Goal(s)

- The school uses Waterford, Eureka Math, iReady, and SC Wonders to plan, monitor, and guide instruction. Waterford, iReady, and Letterland computer-assisted instruction provide every student with a personalized learning path.
- Data teams meet regularly to support teachers in analyzing school and class-level achievement data to support intentional instruction implementation.
- All classroom teachers are required to use small group intervention to supplement reading core instruction.

School Achievements

One of two schools in Orangeburg County School District rated as "Excellent" for the 2022 – 2023 School Year by the SC Department of Education.

Two National Board-certified teachers; one enrolled in the cohort for the National Board Certification.

Over 50% of all students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade made progress in reading and math on the iReady Spring Assessment.

State Assessment gains in reading and math for grades third through fifth.

Whittaker Elementary

SIC Members

Elected Members

Chair: Mrs. Taisha Brown, Teacher

Dr. Teresa Ford, Parent

Ms. Alisia Haynes, Parent

Mrs. Carolyn Summers, Parent

Mrs. Stephanie Hilliard, Paraprofessional

Appointed Members

Dr. Yvonne Johnson, Community Member

Ms. Nancy Hopkins, Community Member

Mrs. Juanita Jenkins, Community Member

Ex-Officio Members

Mrs. Brenda Gadson, Paraprofessional

Dr. Sharon Forman, Assistant Principal

Dr. Charlene Stokes, Principal

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Expectations

Engaging with Purposeful and Intentional Content

Whittaker Elementary

Annual

School Improvement Council

"Report to the Parents"

2025 – 2026



"Empowering young minds one day at a time to sustain success that will last a lifetime."

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The mission of Whittaker Elementary School is to serve as a catalyst of innovation and excellence to ensure all students discover their person, purpose, and platform through a high-quality educational experience.