

## WES SIC Vision Statement

Whittaker Elementary School will, in partnership with the community, develop a vibrant education experience and appropriately challenging curriculum designed to meet the unique academic, social and emotional needs of our students. Within a safe and welcoming environment, our students will acquire the skills and tools necessary for innovation and success in today's society. We will build ethical, collaborative citizens, who will gain insight to utilize world class skills and knowledge to problem-solve, set and achieve goals, and have a passion for learning and serving.

## SIC MEMBERS

### Officers

**Chair: Wanda Woods**  
**Vice Chair: Kimberly Broughton**  
**Secretary: Danial Corbitt**

### Community Members

**Rebecca Harley**  
**Sean Jones**  
**Joe Mason**  
**Cassius Garner**

### Parent Members

**Danial Corbitt**  
**Miriam Green**  
**Andrea Morrison-Wilson**

### Teacher Members

**Tawana Howell**  
**Jasmine Jackson**  
**Joi Wade**  
**Taisha Jefferson-Brown**

### Ex-Officio Members

**Brenda Gadson, Support Staff**  
**Denise Simpson, Assistant Principal**  
**Teresa C. Jennings, Principal**



# WHITTAKER

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Annual School Improvement Council**  
**Report to Parents 2020-2021**

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### Purpose of the Report

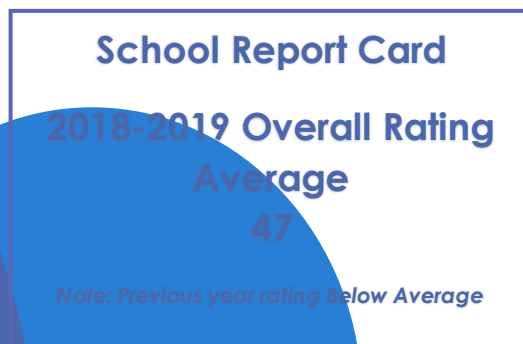
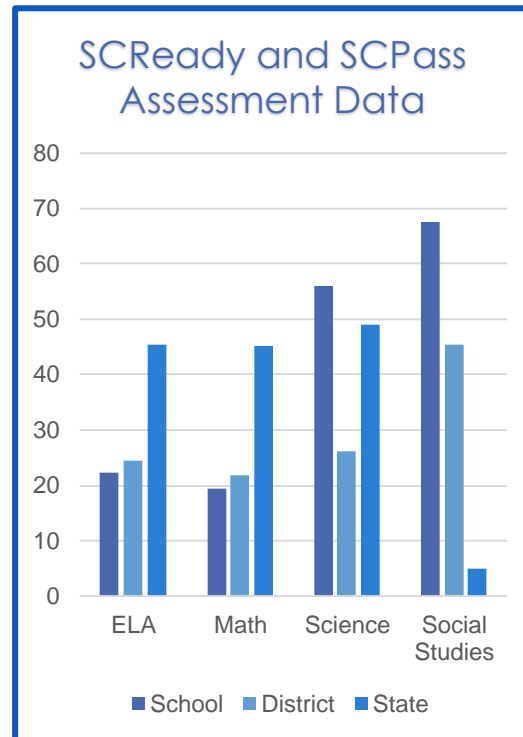
This report is issued by WES SIC in accordance with the South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments through the school year.

## SIC ANNUAL GOALS

Whittaker Elementary School is a student-focused Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school where learning comes alive. It is a school where the leadership team, teachers, parents, and students learn side-by-side. The students at Whittaker Elementary School are successful because of the unique partnership between their homes and school. The students know that the school is an extension of their home, a place where adults care about what happens in their lives. Students feel safe at school and enjoy building social relationships and developing their individual and group social skills.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



## PROGRAMS & HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Title 1 Services
- ❖ R.O.A.R PBIS Schoolwide
- ❖ WES Elementary Band
- ❖ WES Basketball League
- ❖ WES Cheerleading Squad
- ❖ Just Say No – Drill Team
- ❖ Character Education Program
- ❖ National Junior Beta Club
- ❖ Student Advocacy Program
- ❖ Twenty-First Century Program
- ❖ R.O.A.R. Afterschool Academy

Our mission at Orangeburg County School District is to use innovative ideas and practices, that will prepare our students to become productive members of society



Our vision at Orangeburg County School District is to be a district of innovation, committed to maximizing the potential of every student to compete worldwide.

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In the midst of a global pandemic, our faculty and staff maintained a commitment to preparing students to be college and career ready. The students of Whittaker Elementary School are able to learn through a variety of modalities. Making a shift from the traditional classroom, to virtual classrooms, then to a hybrid approach, teachers continued to identify the learning strengths of their students and incorporate learning activities that address the students' strengths and develop their areas of need. Through opportunities to learn through collaboration, communication, technology embedded learning, and critical thinking, our students are developing the skills needed to become productive citizens in an ever-changing global society.

As technology becomes increasingly important in the world, it continues to be a priority at our school. Our professional dialogues include the topic of technology infusion in the elementary classroom. The use of laptops, iPads, Clear Touch boards, and OWLS, have helped teachers to seamlessly engage with student, develop skills to actively infuse curriculum social-emotional, and academic learning needs all in one interactive learning environment.

Through effective use of our Title One Funds, we have actively made collaboration with parents a vital and necessary practice at Whittaker Elementary School. With a portion of our funds, we were able to procure a full-time Parent Liaison to work with building a bridge between home and school to fill the gaps in home-school connections. Because we know that parents are the biggest advocates for their children, we have embraced a practice of consistent communication between the school and parents.

Whittaker Elementary School is helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing effective teaching and learning through equitable, high expectations, and digital learning environments to ensure academic success for all students.

