

School Organization and Contact

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ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The School Improvement Council of Gadsden Elementary School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2016-2017, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Monica Owens Carter, Principal, or DeNitra Reese, SIC Chair at (803) 353-2231.



Extra-Curricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

100 Book Challenge
STEM Challenge Days
Blue Jay Advocates & Clubs
Annual Career Day
READ Across Gadsden Community Event
Partnership Luncheon
Grandparents' Breakfast
International Cultures Festival
STEAM Activities
Muffins for Moms
Doughnuts for Dads
Annual Walk at School Day

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Montessori Program
Full-Day Child Development Class
Reading Interventionist
During the Day Tutoring Program
Reading Matters Tutors
Student Government
Spanish
Strings
Parenting Education Program
Comprehensive Remediation Program
DARE

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

Gadsden Elementary School

2017-2018 SIC

ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS



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Gadsden Elementary School inspires students through interactive learning experiences that will challenge and prepare them for future *SUCCESS.*

School Highlights & Awards

Welcome to Gadsden Elementary School. Not only are we home of the Bold BlueJays but we the LR cluster's National Blue Ribbon School Excellence Award, Midlands Recycling school of the year, Healthier Generation School Award, Red Carpet School Award and a number of Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards. At Gadsden, it's all about the ABC's of Learning – Academic Achievement, Basic Foundations in Literacy and Numeracy, and Creating Character for College and Careers.

We offer Spanish to students in grades 1-5. Gadsden takes great pride in being premier school with small class sizes, offering a nurturing learning environment with one-to-one attention to students' needs.

Our purpose is to help transform student learning into real world experiences in order to prepare learners for our global world. Our dedicated staff continues to hold true to our academics first belief that all students can learn, if presented with great expectations. Gadsden currently provides Montessori Education as a student choice for learning in the primary years. With the C of Character-we build Character through our BlueJay Advocate program, which includes student interest clubs.

Our students, families and communities are fully engaged in our school. In grades PreK-5th receive enhanced literacy instruction through Reading and Writing Workshop, daily interventions are provided through level literacy interventions (funded through Title I and the Reading Matters Tutoring Program). Math and Science are taught through hands-on learning experiences which allows students to build understanding for numbers and operations. And Social studies units are always coupled with field experiences to local historic sites.

These practices over the years have given students a great place to learn, grow and soar above and beyond expectations.

SCHOOL AWARDS

2017 Healthier Generation School Bronze Award

2015 & 2016 Richland County Recycling School of the Year

2017 Visual Literacy Awards

2015 United Way School Award

2011 National Blue Ribbon School

2010 Distinguished National Title I School

2010 South Carolina Distinguished Title I School

2005 Red Carpet School

Over 10 SC Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards



School Demographics

Total Enrollment: 168 students

98% African American

2% Hispanic

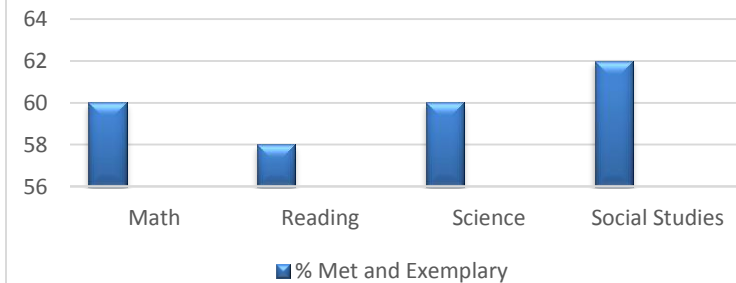
10 Homeroom Teachers

90% Master Degrees

10% National Board

Test Information

2016-2017 Assessment Grades 3rd-5th



Preparing students for the global economy

Technology

We have a one to one digital learning environment for students in grades K-5th. In early grades students use I-Pads apart of their learning experiences. In grades 3rd – 5th students utilize laptops as an instructional resource for learning in and outside of school learning opportunities. All classrooms have SMARTBoards and at least 5 desktop computers. All devices are used to implement Moby Max, Study Island, Reading Eggs and other diagnostic assessment and learning digital tools.

Major Grants Received

Richland County Conservation Grant

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

Colonial Life Innovative Teaching Award Grant

Sonoco Recycling Grant

Donor Chose Teacher Grants

Goals for Next Year

- To increase the overall percentage of students meeting mastery performance in all subject areas through data driven instruction and increased levels of student engagement.
- To increase literacy and numeracy proficiency in Pre-K-5th grade students.
- To increase students' inquiry, critical thinking, logical reasoning, and problem solving abilities.
- To increase parental involvement through improved communication, enhanced customer service and community awareness.

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