

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Mill Creek Elementary School is pleased to present the 2025–2026 Annual Report to Parents. This report highlights the school’s progress and growth over the past year, summarizes student performance data, and outlines plans for continued improvement during the current school year.

Included in this report are the school’s targeted goals and the expected outcomes for student learning that have been identified as priorities. If you have questions or would like additional information about the contents of this report, please contact Mr. Whack at (803) 783-5583.

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**Principal:** Eddie Whack

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The Purpose of this report is to govern the Mill Creek Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) in accordance with South Carolina law. Also, the council shares information on the school's progress in reaching various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

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**The Mill Creek Elementary School Mission** is to transform lives by closing the achievement gap and preparing all students for college and career readiness through empowering them to achieve their potential and dreams.

*Our Vision is dedicated to:*

*Technology and teaching life skills*

*Equitable Learning Environment*

*Achieving excellence*

*Motivating students and staff*

*Mastering state standards*

*Cultivating responsible Citizens and Parent & Community involvement.*

**Principal**

Eddie J. Whack

**Assistant Principal**

Kemberlyn Glenn

**Teacher of the Year Elect 2026-2027**

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## SIC Improvement Goals

### Goal 1: Improve Student Achievement and Growth

By the spring of the 2025-26 school year, MCES will increase the number of students meeting SGP to 65% based on the Student Growth Report as measured in Renaissance.

### Goal 2: Decrease Chronic Absenteeism

By the end of the school year 2025-2026, MCES will decrease chronic absenteeism by 5 percentage points, from 27.2% to 22.2%, in grades K-5, as measured in the district AARE.

### Goal 3: Increase Parent/Community Involvement

By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, MCES will decrease the number of referrals by 64% by increasing parents' participation in discipline interventions as measured in ABE.

### School Demographics>

350 Students in grades 4K – 5<sup>th</sup>

87% African American  
5% Hispanic/Latino  
5% White  
3% Other

49% Male  
51% Female

### School Programs>

-CRP Afterschool Program for grades 3-5

-100% of students receive an advocate.

-Mentoring program for students with social-emotional and drama issues.

-South Carolina – Youth Advocacy Program (SC-YAP)

### Test Information>

-The SC Ready Reading, Writing, and Mathematics Test was last administered in Spring 2025 to students in grades 3-5.

-Students in Grade 4 also took the SC PASS Test for Science.

-Students in Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade are also assessed throughout the year to determine mastery of curriculum standards and to guide instruction. (MyIGDIS)

-The STAR data below represents the universal screening test provided during the winter. Below is the most recent completed data to date. Students are currently taking the Spring STAR.

### Goal Strategies>

-Analyze school STAR Test data and the previous SC Ready and PASS Scores to set school-wide goals.

-Increase incentives throughout the school year to motivate students to attend school and reduce absences.

-Monitor the chronic absenteeism report through the Attendance Team, SIC Committee, and through meetings with the Social Worker and Principal.

-Implement parent engagement activities to include Open House, SIC, PTO, PAC, Awards Day, Parent/Teacher Conference, Literacy/Math Strategy Night, Music and Strings Performances, Promotion Ceremonies, and other engagement activities.

### Highlights >>>

-Implementation of parent and community communication through the student monthly calendar, marquee, Class DoJO, school messenger, and quarterly school newsletter.

-Healthy School Award 2024-2025

-1<sup>st</sup> school play - MOANA by Music Department -Hanna Barker

-SCDE Ellen Weaver participated in reading to our students during Reading Across America Week.

-Students participate in the Elevate- Online Learning

-Student placed 1<sup>st</sup> the District Spelling Bee. The same student scored a perfect score on the SC Ready for the 2025-2026 school year.

-MCES had fewer than 1 out-of-school suspension (OSS) for the current year.

-MCES won the MyLexia (Reading) District Award multiple times for the 2025-2026 School year. We won the I-Ready District Award once.

## S.C. College and Career Ready Assessment 2024-2025

SC Ready	ELA (Meet and Exceed)
Grade	%
3	40.4
4	35.1
5	45.8
SC Ready	Math (Meet and Exceed)
Grade	%
3	29.8
4	27
5	20.8

### STAR Reading 2025-2026 At/Above Benchmark - Spring

Kindergarten	59.3%
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	47.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	43.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	37.1%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	56.5%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	50%

### I-Ready 2025-2026 Spring Diagnostic (Annual Typical Growth)

Kindergarten	97%
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	92% %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	81%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	77%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	64%