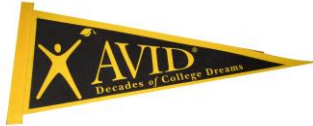


School Achievements

Davion Jennings, a 5th grader from FHES was the District 1st Place Winner in the Richland One Science Fair

Forest Heights Elementary was the recipient of The South Carolina Healthy School Award Gold Status

Forest Heights Elementary began its inaugural year as an AVID School



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

Forest Heights SIC Members

Example:

*Principal: Dr. Winnie Johnson
Chair: Roy Washington
Vice Chair: Lucinda McFadden
Secretary: Donee Taylor
Rennetta Johnson
Angelica Guerrero
Zienna Millhouse
Elianny Sanchez
Lula Lee*

Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Forest Heights School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2017-18



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

SIC Annual Goals

Forest Heights Elementary School teachers and staff will enhance learning by:

- Demonstrating care and concern for the special needs of each child
- Providing quality teaching and leadership
- Providing parents with regular assessments of their child's progress
- Encouraging a positive home-school relationship

Forest Heights Elementary School Principal will promote public education and support our teachers and students by:

- Making education the top priority of my administration
- Reading to students in their classrooms and my office
- Visiting South Carolina schools to hear first-hand from teachers and students
- Reading to my own children in our home and meeting my obligations under this agreement as a parent

Forest Heights Elementary parent or guardian will encourage their child's learning by:

- Requiring regular and punctual school attendance
- Supporting school rules and procedures
- Making reading at home a priority
- Providing a quiet, well-lighted study area
- Keeping up to date with my child's progress
- Attending parent-teacher conferences and other school activities
- Supporting a positive home-school relationship

FHES Student Achievement

During the 2017-2018 school year, the school commenced with a new administrative team, including a new principal. Previous data indicated the need for addressing overall climate at Forest Heights. This became the priority for Forest Heights with the expectation that overall student performance will be positively influenced.

Forest Heights Elementary is equipped for 21st century learning with wireless internet capability throughout the school. All students in grades K-5th have one on one access to digital learning devices. The devices are utilized in a variety of ways from Reading A to Z and 1st in Math to Mastery Connect. Every classroom in the school has a Smartboard and several classrooms have document cameras.

Mastery Connect Benchmark data indicates that 3rd Grade had a strength in reading literary and non-fiction texts and in the area of inquiry. 4th grade had an area of strength in writing while 5th grade had an area of strength in reading literary and non-fiction texts. Fountas & Pinnell data indicates that 1st and 2nd grade had an increase in students who were meeting and/or exceeding grade level reading expectations. 1st grade went from having 44.5% of students reading at or above grade level to 51.0% reading at or above grade level. 2nd grade went from having 54.2% of students reading at or above grade level to 62.8% reading at or above grade level.

School Climate, overall is showing improvement. Parent involvement and engagement is on the rise. Forest Heights now has a thriving PTO with over 70 members and an active School Improvement Council who are continually seeking ways to work hand in hand with our teachers and school community for the betterment of Forest Heights Students.

"For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov."

Additional Information

Forest Heights Elementary School is a rural Title One School located in Richland School District One. Forest Heights serves approximately 554 students, 280 male and 274 female, in grades Pre-K through 5th grade. The student body has 459 African American students (234 males and 225 females), 62 Hispanic/Latino (29 males and 33 females), two or more races 22 (12 males and 10 females), and 11 Caucasian students (5 males and 6 females). There are 55 students in special education services. (40 male and 15 female) This number includes speech, resource, or self-contained. There are 57 ESOL students (28 males and 29 females) in grades PreK-5th. Forest Heights has 31 certified teachers on staff. The highly qualified staff consists of 3 National Board Certified Teachers and 56.25% have advanced degrees. All 31 of our teachers are certified in their area of instruction and considered highly qualified.

During the 2017-2018 school year we have had a great number of volunteers and mentors that were coordinated by our School Counselor. The volunteer and mentor partnerships include:

- Cedar Creek Community Church
- Grace Christian Church
- Kappa Lambda Chi Military Fraternity
- Columbia Psi Chapter of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

These volunteers and mentors serve FHES during the school day, during after-school programs, and some even participate in weekend events. All students are instructed through the use of South Carolina College and Career-Ready Standards for ELA and Math, the South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science and Social Studies and South Carolina Academic Standards for Health and Safety Education for health.