

School Organizations and Contacts

School Improvement Council

Jessica Melendez , Chair

Council Membership:

Randy Scott	Community Member
Bernice Skinner	Community Member
Mary Thurman	Community Member
Alvera Butler	Ex-Officio
Tammer Roberts	Ex-Officio
Christi Wuori	Ex-Officio
Joyce Goodwin	Parent
Jocelyn Heyward	Parent
Latonia Ishmal	Parent
Kershaw Loynes	Parent
Kayla Mallett	Parent
Jessica Melendez	Parent
Denine Middleton	Parent
Lisa Pauling	Parent
Joanne Roach	Parent
Katie Smalley	Parent
Marlena Gore	Teacher
Nicole Mitchell	Teacher
Amy Swick	Teacher

PTO Board

Deana Tillison, President

Kershaw Loynes, Vice President

Christie Latten, Secretary

Sokilia Mosby, Treasurer

Andrena Belton, Volunteer Coordinator

Sharry Harrison, Immediate Past President

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs:

Chess Club

Joseph Keels "Awesome" Step Team

Special Programs:

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Microsociety program school-wide

One to One Computing (grade 5)

Integrating Technology to Enhance Curriculum (ITEC)
classes (grades 3 & 4)

Single-Gender classes (grades 4 & 5)

Small Group Reading Interventions (grades K-5)

Reading Recovery (grade 1)

Family Programs:

21st Century Community Learning Center (Enrichment Programs)

Boys' and Girls' Club of the Midlands

(Before— and After—School Care Programs)

Hope Worldwide Saturday Academy

Parents as Teachers -certified Parent Educator

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Partnership with Columbia Area Mental Health



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Joseph Keels Elementary



School of Entrepreneurial Leadership

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The faculty and staff of Joseph Keels Elementary School of Entrepreneurial Leadership, in partnership with students, parents, government, business partners, and the community guarantee each student optimum achievement in all areas of learning by providing a challenging and flexible learning program to meet individual needs by incorporating technology, field experiences, and support services to equip each student for life-long learning and responsible citizenship.

Daily School Hours:

8:00 AM—2:50 PM, Monday through Friday

Total student enrollment:

624 students in grades Pre-K through 5

Highlights & Awards

Joseph Keels Elementary School of Entrepreneurial Leadership is a full-school magnet program housed in the heart of the Spring Lake community in Northeast Richland County. Our students practice real-life skills such as banking, voting, working for and/or managing a business, and responsible citizenry through voting and civic participation as active members of our school society of Bearsville. Meant to replicate the greater community, the value of grade-level specific learning experiences is brought into greater focus through their application within the Bearsville society.

Awards & Recognitions

Two-time recipient: Palmetto's Finest School
Previous recipient: Red Carpet School
Recently named: Home Depot Community Impact school

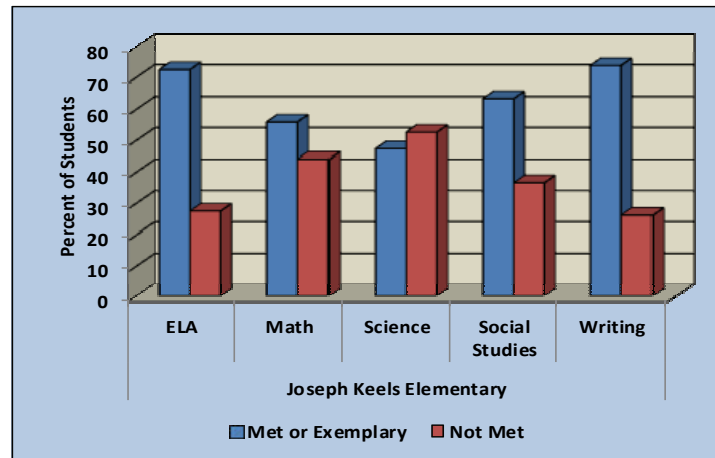
Student Information

Ethnicity Distribution:

African American: 89%
White: 2%
Asian: 1%
Hispanic: 5%
Other: 3%

Number of teachers: 48
Number of National Board Certified: 6

Test Scores



Technology for Instruction and Support:

2 Computer Labs
1:1 Computing at Grade 5
2 ITEC classrooms at Grades 3 and 4
150 Literacy iPods for student check out
60 Nook Colors for classroom checkout
SMART Boards in every class
CPS systems at every grade level
3 Laptop Carts
60 iPads
1 Class Set of Study Buddies
1 ELMO at each grade level
State of the Art news studio

Major Grants Received

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant



Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities.

Goals for next year

- ◆ Keels Elementary will implement a variety of academic initiatives as it establishes and expands the School of Entrepreneurial Leadership.
- ◆ Build a positive, safe, respectful and nurturing environment in which our students will learn and live.
- ◆ Develop an environment that fosters professional learning communities.
- ◆ Expand support of Keels' School for Entrepreneurial Leadership through partnerships with parents and the greater community.



Administrative Team

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