

School Organizations

School Improvement Council 2025-2026

Lower Campus Chairperson - Samantha White
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Dina Knight
Greg Lewis
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Brittany Moebes
TJ Wallace
Arielle Wright

Parent/Teacher Organization 2025-2026

Presidents - Lacresha Brumfield & Molly Parker
Vice Presidents - Jackie Abbott & Courtney Williams
Secretary - Julie Garrison
Treasurer - Tracey Sopher

Dr. Keicha Chandler-Smith
Dr. Jacqueline Norton
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School Beliefs

“Sailing Beyond Excellence” in

- Leadership
- Community / Service Learning
- Rigorous Instruction

In partnership with our community, we work to develop the global citizens of tomorrow, citizens who are prepared to lead and excel in their chosen pathway.



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Lake Carolina Elementary Lower Campus



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7:40am -2:30pm

The faculty and staff of Lake Carolina Elementary School, in collaboration with the community, will promote a safe, caring, and respectful educational environment for all students through the use of innovative teaching strategies and character education to create successful, life-long learners, as we sail beyond excellence.

School Highlights & Awards

- Imagine Learning School Of Excellence 2024
- DODEA Whole Child Grant 2020
- Purple Star School 2019
- Special Olympics Unified Champion School 2019
- ASCD Whole Child Award 2018
- Green Steps Certified School 2017-2018
- Victory Initiative Grant 2011-2018
- NAPDS Award for Exemplary Professional Development School Achievement 2013
- National Schools of Character Award from Character Education Partnership 2010
- South Carolina Schools of Character Award 2009
- National Blue Ribbon 2008
- Palmetto's Finest 2007-2008
- South Carolina Report Card Rating—Excellent 2002-2014
- Closing the Achievement Gap Award 2003-2014
- Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Achievement 2004-2014
- Palmetto Silver Award for Academic Achievement 2003

Student and Teacher Information

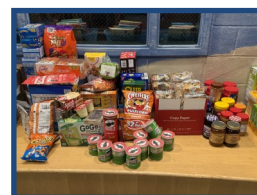
557 Students
PreK —2nd Grades

Asian - 2 %
African American - 48 %
Hispanic - 13 %
White - 27 %
Other - 10%

Service Learning Project

Gators Give Food Drive

By utilizing the LIFESKILLS of caring, cooperation, friendship, and responsibility, our students successfully gathered food donations that benefited the Lake Carolina community and Harvest Hope.



Community Involvement

- Lake Carolina Lower partnered with Papa Tony's Pizza & Chick-fil-A on Killian Road for LCE Eats Out. A portion of the proceeds are donated back to the school.
- Our PTO sponsored monthly treats that were funded from community partners.
- PTO sponsored Skate Nights at Skateland.
- We hosted our yearly Veterans Day parade and drive thru breakfast for Veterans.
- Our Military kids created cards for service members who stayed on base at Ft. Jackson during the holidays.
- PTO sponsored Gator Fest and our community sponsors donate items.



Goals for 2026-2027

- Continue to teach character education through the use of LIFESKILLS.
- Maintain a "certified" or higher distinction by the AVID Center based on the annual Coaching and Certification Instrument (CCI).
- Maintain a strong community partnership with current and incoming families.
- Leveraging professional partnership and reflective coaching to refine instructional strategies that directly increase student engagement and achievement.

Purple Star School

- Lake Carolina Elementary School is honored as a Purple Star School for its outstanding commitment to supporting military families. The South Carolina Department of Education acknowledges schools and districts deeply dedicated to supporting military families and their students. Here at LCEL we have over 90 students that have parents on active duty.
- Our commitment to honoring military students and families is evident throughout the year in events like our Veterans Day breakfast and parade, and our Military Spirit Week, which celebrates the contributions of our military children.

