

Purpose

South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires School Improvement Councils to report to parents by April 30 each year the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. It is a report unique to each school developed by the council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

Clubs and Organizations

- Yearbook
- Tiger Morning Announcements with the Tiger Network Team (TNT Crew)
- Teacher Sponsored Monthly Clubs
- SC 4-H Engineering Challenge
- National Elementary Honor Society
- Tiger Store Crew



Title I Parental Involvement & Resources

Parents can help ensure their child's success at WMES by doing the following:

- Participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences and IEP Meetings
- Read Monthly Newsletters (School and Grade Level)
- Attend SIC Meetings
- Volunteer at School and for School Sponsored Events
- View Students' Grades using PowerSchool Portal
- Access Teacher and School Website, Use REMIND and Class Dojo, and the WMES's Facebook Page for Upcoming Events and Important Information
- Check Students' Agenda and e-Mail Daily
- Attend Family Events: Literacy Night, STEM Night, Family Movie Nights
- Character Kids Celebrations and Virtual Academic Awards Programs, NEHS Induction Program, Grandparents' Lunches, Parent Workshops, Open House and Meet the Teacher, and Other School Sponsored Events

Parental Resources

- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- School Improvement Committee
- School Website, Teacher Webpages, REMIND, Class DoJo, and WMES Facebook Page

Williams Memorial Elementary School

Williams Memorial, located in St. George, was started after the Civil War as an elementary school for African-American children. In 1922, the first Principal of Williams Memorial was the Reverend S.D. Williams, and the school included students in grades one through seven. By 1927, as education was rapidly changing, so was Williams Memorial. In 1942, the school held grades one through twelve and was renamed Williams Memorial School in the memory of its first Principal.



In 1954, the current building was built on nine acres of land. Williams Memorial offered its students academics and extra-curricular activities. In 1970, the school was integrated and housed grades four through nine. The faculty and staff worked tirelessly to give the students an education and life lessons that would help them through the ever-changing world.

By 1993, the school was renovated, and in 1994 renamed Williams Memorial Middle School. The school was reorganized to include grades five through eight. Due to changing State regulations, the middle school was changed to accommodate grades six through eight. During the 1999-2000 School Year, the District reorganized the schools, moving St. George Elementary into Williams Memorial Middle. Thus forming our current Williams Memorial Elementary School, which now serves Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade.

School Improvement Council Members

2023-2024

- Ruth Mims, Principal
- Jeremy Wolfgang, Assistant Principal
- Natalie Pandora, Chair
- Valerie Jamison, TOY
- Seth Phillips, Teacher
- Carlie Nelson, Instructional Coach
- Tiffany Strong-Moorer, Parent
- Kimberly Rienzo-Tillson, PTA Representative
- Byron Graham, Parent
- Carolyn Graham, Parent
- Jessica Whitener Parent
- Taylor Plumb, Parent
- Genevieve Sanders, Parent



Williams Memorial Elementary School

2023-2024 Report to Parents

Prepared by School Improvement Council & Administration



Williams Memorial Elementary School A Unified Champion School

290 South Metts Street, St. George, SC 29477

Ruth Mims, Principal & CERDEP Director

Jeremy Wolfgang Assistant Principal & Head Start Director

Our Vision Statement...The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and career characteristics that will help to prepare them to graduate with a 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.

Our School's Mission Statement...The children, parents, faculty, and staff of Williams Memorial Elementary School are unified in their purpose of accelerating the learning of all students through shared decision-making and powerful learning experiences.

Our School's Belief Statements...

- Students will participate in real world learning opportunities that will move them toward success.
- WMES will be a safe and caring environment that provides a successful and challenging atmosphere through the support of parents, staff, faculty, students and the community.
- All students will demonstrate qualities of good citizenship in order to be responsible members of the learning community.
- Strengths of all stakeholders (parents, staff, faculty, students and the community) will be identified and built upon to enhance our school.

Our Core Values...The core values of Williams Memorial Elementary School encourage a love of learning through the use of differentiated instructional approaches that recognizes the uniqueness of each student. These are our core values: **T**rust, **I**ntegrity, **G**enerosity, **E**xcellence, **R**espect, and **S**uccess.

Profile of the Ready Kindergartener & the S.C. Graduate

Profile of the Ready Kindergartener

The ready kindergartener has developed the skills and abilities necessary to achieve age-appropriate levels. He/she is physically, socially, and emotionally prepared to benefit from a quality kindergarten experience.

The ready kindergartener is surrounded by a support network of...

- Ready families and caregivers
- Ready neighbors and communities
- Ready school and educators

Profile of the S.C. Graduate World-Class Knowledge

- Rigorous Standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), art and social studies

World-Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

Integrity	Self-Direction	Global Perspective
Perseverance	Work Ethic	Interpersonal Skills

Williams Memorial Elementary School 2023 Teacher of the Year

Valerie Jamison is a second grade teacher, serves as the Grade Level Chair, and is part of the WMES Leadership Team. Mrs. Jamison earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching from South Carolina State University. Mrs. Jamison has been awarded many accolades in her teaching career. She was the 2004 WMES Rookie Teacher of the Year, 2008-2009 WMES and Dorchester District 4's Teacher of the Year, and is currently the 2023-2024 WMES Teacher of the Year. She has served on the South Carolina Palmetto State Teacher's Association (PSTA) Board representing her area. She has also served in various capacities at WMES such as a TAP observer, a mentor, an Orton-Gillingham trainee, and a School Improvement Council member. In her spare time, Mrs. Jamison enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She likes to exercise and take walks whenever she gets a chance.

Academic Achievement

SC Ready English Language Arts 2023

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Meet/Exceeds"	State Average Percentage Scoring Meet/Exceeds
School	23.1%	48.7% (-6.5%)	55.2%
3 rd Grade	27.8%	37.8% (-15.6%)	53.4%
4 th Grade	18.8%	57.5% (+0.4)	57.1%
5 th Grade	22.9%	50.6% (-4.6%)	55.2%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

SC Ready Mathematics 2023

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Meets/Exceeds"	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/Exceeds
School	23.1%	46.3% (-2.1%)	48.4%
3 rd Grade	30.0%	43.3% (-10.3%)	53.6%
4 th Grade	22.5%	50.0% (+3.0)	47.0%
5 th Grade	16.9%	45.8% (+1.1%)	44.7%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

SC Ready Science 2023

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Meet/Exceeds"	State Average Percentage Scoring Meets/Exemplary
4 th Grade	25%	56.3% (+11.2%)	45.1%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

2023 Kindergarten Readiness

Percentage of Students Demonstrating Readiness	11.4%
Percentage of Students Approaching Readiness	31.8%
Percentage of Students Emerging Readiness	56.8%

2023-2024 School Report Card Overall Rating—AVERAGE (51 Points)

Programs & Events Highlights



Events

- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Children's Museum of the Lowcountry
- *Kids Heart Challenge*
- Attendance Intervention/Challenges
- Athletes Leading Literacy Readers
- Field Day /Winter Olympics/Color Run
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Career Education Week/Career Day
- Grandparents' Lunches
- District Leader Readers
- Kindergarten Fun in the Sun Day
- *Read Across America* & Dr. Seuss Day Activities
- Spelling Bees (Class, Grade Level, and School)
- National Elementary Honor Society Program and Induction
- Family Events: Open House, Meet the Teacher, Literacy Night, STEM/Technology Night, Family Game Night, Fall Carnival, School Dances, Family Movie Night s



Community Service Projects & Fundraisers

- Faculty & Staff Fundraisers—Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness, Low Country Food Bank, Women's Heart Association, DD4 Teachers Forum Scholarship Drive, and Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Association
- School-Wide Community Service Projects—MUSC Toy Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive & Baskets, Autism Awareness—Unified Champions Week, Low Country Food Bank Fresh Express Food Distribution, and Gifts from the Heart

Programs

- Student Academic Teams (SAT)
- Response to Intervention (RTi)
- Backpack Buddies
- Base SEL Guidance Program
- Tiger Ticket Rewards Program
- DD4 Soccer Program
- Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.)—Jacob's Ladder & M3 Math
- Flocabulary, Dreambox, Reading Eggs, Epic, Tumble Books, Typing Club.com, Unique Learning System, Code.org, Kodable, *Social Studies Weekly*, Google Suite, and Quaver
- Tiger Network Team (TNT)
- i-Ready Reading & Math Program
- What I Need (W.I.N.) Time
- Tiger Network Team (TNT)
- Attendance Incentives
- Math Workshop Model

