

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)
- Tiger Store Crew
- Library Helpers
- Soccer (Fall) Unified Special Olympics Mentors and Team
- Teacher Sponsored Monthly Clubs
- Girls CODING Club
- National Elementary Honor Society



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 PTA and 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 PTA's Facebook Page for Upcoming Events and Important Information
Check Students' Agenda and e-Mail Daily

Attend Family Events: Literacy Night, STEM Night, Technology Night, Family Movie Nights, VIRTUAL Character Kids Celebrations and Academic Awards Programs, NEHS Induction Program, Grandparents' Lunches, Open House and Meet the Teacher, and Other School Sponsored Events

Parental Resources

- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- SIC/PTA Organizations
- School Website, Teacher Webpages, REMIND, Class DoJo, and PTA 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 2022-2023

Ruth Mims, Principal
Jeremy Wolfgang, Assistant Principal
Natalie Pandora, Chair
Kelsey Berhow, Co-Chair
Lorren Lucas, TOY
Seth Phillips, Teacher
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Williams Memorial Elementary School

2022-2023 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: *Trust*, *Integrity*, *Generosity*, *Excellence*, *Respect*, and *Success*.

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 2022

Teacher of the Year

Lorren Lucas (Pallone) is a Special Education teacher and department chair at WMES and is the current 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year For WMES and Dorchester District 4. Mrs. Lucas earned her Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education from the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Lucas earned her Masters in Special Education with a focus on Deaf Education. Mrs. Lucas is presently working on a Masters in Camp Administration from Gratz College.

At WMES, Mrs. Lucas was the founder of the Unified Tiger Champion Program (Special Olympics) as well as the school garden and cheerleading programs. She is a new teacher mentor and one of the District's Carolina CAP Coaches.

In her free time, Mrs. Lucas serves as a troop leader and service Unit Coordinator for Girl Scouts and a Cub Scout Den Leader. Mrs. Lucas enjoys traveling, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends.

Academic Achievement

SC Ready English Language Arts 2022

	Percentage Scoring “Not Met”	Percentage Scoring “Meet/Exceeds”	State Average Percentage Scoring Meet/Exceeds
School	28.9%	42.9% (-6.0%)	48.9%
3 rd Grade	29.2%	50.0% (+2.0%)	48.0%
4 th Grade	31.3%	39.8% (-10.6%)	50.4%
5 th Grade	26.3%	38.9% (-9.4%)	48.3%

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

SC Ready Mathematics 2022

	Percentage Scoring “Not Met”	Percentage Scoring “Meets/Exceeds”	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/Exceeds
School	22.1%	39.4% (-6.5%)	45.9%
3 rd Grade	19.4%	51.4% (+0.4%)	51.0%
4 th Grade	21.7%	37.3% (-6.1%)	43.4%
5 th Grade	25.3%	29.5% (-13.8%)	43.3%

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

PASS Science 2022

	Percentage Scoring “Not Met”	Percentage Scoring “Meet/Exceeds”	State Average Percentage Scoring Meets/Exemplary
4 th Grade	33.7%	43.4% (-3.2%)	46.4%

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

2022-2023 Kindergarten Readiness

Percentage of Students Demonstrating Readiness	24.4 %
Percentage of Students Approaching Readiness	32.1%
Percentage of Students Emerging Readiness	43.6%

2021-2022 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
- Athletes Leading Literacy Readers
- Field Day
- Open House and Meet the Teacher
- Black History Celebration Activities
- MUSC Toy Drive
- Veterans’ Day Parade & Breakfast
- Job Shadow Day (3rd-5th Grades)
- Scholastic Book Fair

- Career Education Week/Career Day
- Grandparents’ Lunches

- Autism Awareness—Unified Tigers Champions Week

- *Read Across America* & Dr. Seuss Day Activities

- National Elementary Honor Society Program and Induction

- Spelling Bees (Class, Grade Level, and School)

- PTA Events: Polar Pals Store and World’s Finest Chocolate

- Family Events: Open House, Meet the Teacher Literacy Night, STEM Night, Technology Night, Family Fun Night, Family Movie Night , and Virtual BINGO

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 Autism Awareness

- School-Wide Community Service Projects—MUSC Toy Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive & Baskets, Autism Awareness—Unified Champions Week, LowCountry Food Bank Fresh Express Food Distribution, and Adopt a Grandparent at Cypress Place

Programs

- SAT Teams
- Response to Intervention (RTi)
- Library Helpers
- Base SEL Guidance Program
- Tiger Token Incentive Store
- Reading, Writing, and Gardening Buddies
- Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center
- Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.)—Jacob’s Ladder & M3 Math
- Spring Fine Arts Program (Music & Art)
- *Edmentum* Computer Program
- Backpack Buddies
- Tiger Network Team (TNT)
- Tiger Store Crew
- Soccer
- Afterschool Tutoring

- Moby Max, Flocabulary, Dreambox, Reading Eggs, SeeSaw. Kami, ClassKick, Epic, Tumble Books, Typing Club.com, Unique Learning System, Code.org, Kodable, *Social Studies Weekly*, ZOOM, Google Classroom and Google Suite, and Quaver

