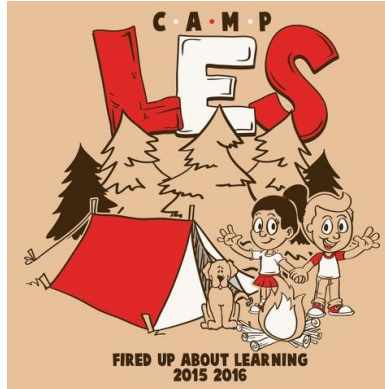


School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents of Liberty Elementary School

2015-16



School Vision

Where the faculty and students are learning and growing together.

School Beliefs

We believe in learning and growing through:



Linking school and community through lifelong learning

Sharing educational responsibility

Empowering the family as the child's first teacher



Achieving high academic standards

Pursuing excellence in education

Establishing a foundation of literacy



Building confidence through a safe and caring environment by

Nurturing a safe environment for all students and staff

Embracing differences and celebrating strengths



Sharing the belief that all children can become lifelong learners

Making positive contributions to our community

Shaping tomorrow's workforce.

School Report Card Ratings

Year	Absolute	Growth
2014	Good	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

An Average score means the school is meeting the state requirement.

A Good score means the school is exceeding the state requirement.

An Excellent score means the school is substantially exceeding the state requirement.

Student Achievement

SC PASS

	Met and Above				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
ELA	86.4	79.8	85.2	76.9	
Math	86.8	82.5	80.6	82.1	
Science	79.2	83.9	79.5	65.8	76.3
Social Studies	87.9	75.4	80.6	85.1	79.55
Writing		78.9	71.4	71.3	

ASPIRE Grades 3-5 Performance Level (College and Career Readiness)

2015	Met and Above		
	3rd	4th	5th
ELA	Ready	Ready	Ready
Math	Ready	Close	Ready
Reading	Close	Close	Close
Science	In Need of Support	Close	Close
Writing	Close	Close	Close

State of the School Narrative:

Liberty Elementary School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically challenging learning environment. We provide such an environment through the implementation of our school vision. Our vision is to be a school that is “Learning and Growing Together”. We demonstrate this vision by challenging our students with best practices to reach their full potential and by the continuous professional development of our teachers. Our teachers are always seeking to learn new and effective strategies to use in the classroom such as: 6+1 Writing Traits, Leveled Literacy Intervention, Project Based Learning, Thinking Maps, Daily 5, Café, manipulatives, Every Day Math, small group guided reading, Accelerated Reader, Project Read, Write From The Beginning, STEM, Math Interventionist, Reading Interventionist, and Reading Recovery. These initiatives help to develop critical thinking and collaboration while using best practices and relevant technology. We are excited to be able to provide each of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders with a technology device for their use during the day and are proud of our strong history of academic success. At Liberty Elementary we also have various programs outside the academic world to focus on the development of the whole child. School-wide we have focused on embedding the 7 Habits of an Effective Leader in all that we do. We believe it is imperative that our students learn what it means to be a leader and that these skills will help to ensure success in life. For example, one of the skills is to be proactive. Being proactive means our students need to know how to learn and how to persevere. This year we continued to use the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program here at LES. This program rewards our students for displaying positive behaviors. We celebrate these behaviors with our student Leaders of the Pack in our monthly Bravo Breakfast. We also continued our partnership with the Young Appalachian Musicians (YAMs) program. This program had numerous students staying after school to learn to play the banjo, guitar, and fiddle; the arts help student develop creativity, persistence, and self-direction. Our guidance counselor taught character traits and leadership skills in monthly classroom guidance lessons. She also has a helper named Dolly Mae, our very own school therapy dog, who is always there to make any student feel better. We continued the BARK program that brings other therapy dogs into the school to work with students who struggle with reading. LES also partnered with the Feed A Hungry Child Program to provide food over the weekend for numerous needy students. Finally, we continued to offer Breakfast In The Classroom for our students. This program ensures all have a healthy breakfast and are ready to begin their day. At Liberty Elementary we believe the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of our young. Thank you for all of your support in helping in the development of our future South Carolina graduates and world leaders!

Profile of the SC Graduate:

See how our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate @ <https://ed.sc.gov/assets/reportCards/2015/elem/c/e3901022.pdf>