



# Clemson Elementary School

581 Berkeley Drive, Clemson, South Carolina 29631

## Principal's Message

The students, teachers, staff, parents and community are proud of the tradition of excellence in teaching and learning established at Clemson Elementary. Our reputation for academic excellence is well-founded. Ours is one of only two schools statewide to earn the State Department of Education Incentive Award fourteen consecutive times. We have been designated a Palmetto Gold Award winner every year since its inception in 2001. We have held Deregulated status for the last 15 years. We partner with Clemson University as a Professional Development School, thus benefiting both groups of students.

Clemson Elementary is blessed to be a state-of-the-art facility that is only five years old. Our spacious school houses some of the latest advances in technology. Our grounds include outdoor classrooms, gardens, courtyards, nature trails, a barn, and an amphitheater. These grounds highlight the interest and support for our student's education from parents, volunteers, Clemson University, benefactors, and the community as a whole.

The best part of our school is our people. Our students benefit from the high expectations of faculty, staff, and administration dedicated to their academic and personal success. Our teachers have earned awards on the local, state, and national levels. Our students enjoy success in many areas including and outside of academics. An active, involved PTA and School Improvement Council team with the school to provide support for mutual efforts on behalf of students. Welcome to Clemson Elementary, where we believe "Every Day is a Great Day to Learn."



## Mission Statement

*Our mission is to provide all students a foundation that inspires life-long learning, fosters positive self-concept, and promotes citizenship by providing meaningful learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment through the combined efforts of the students, parents, staff, and community.*

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## Student Achievement

Student test scores, report card ratings, and **Adequate Yearly Progress** ratings under **No Child Left Behind** federal legislation are reported annually on **South Carolina School Report Cards**. Report cards for the current year and for past years are accessible from the district Web site at <http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/Curriculum/Assessment/DistResults.aspx>.

## Directions

From 123 West, take Issaqueena Trail exit. Turn right onto Issaqueena and then left onto Cambridge Road. Turn left on to Highway 93. Take next left on to Berkeley Drive. The school will be about one mile on the left.

## Overall School Facts

Student Enrollment: ..... 675  
Grades: ..... 4K-5  
Student Attendance Rate: ..... 97.3%  
Administrators: ..... 2  
Certified Staff: .....46  
Support Staff: .....30  
Teacher Attendance Rate: ..... 94.1%  
Highly Qualified Teachers ..... 87.5%  
Teachers with Advanced Degrees: ..... 70.7%  
National Board Certified Teachers.....3

Students Transition To

R.C. Edwards Middle School (Grades 6-8)

D.W. Daniel High School (Grades 9-12)



## Clemson Elementary School

### Special Programs & Features

- Reading Recovery for First Grade
- Automated Library Media Center
- Computer/Internet Lab
- Homework Center (CASH IN)
- After-School Care
- Science Fair / Spelling Bee
- Weekly Class Work Envelope
- Gifted and Talented Program
- ESOL Program
- Super Citizen Celebrations
- Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- Peer Tutoring
- High School Student Tutoring
- Honor Roll
- Awards Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Artist-In-Residence
- Student TV Newscast & Newspaper
- Paws For Safety Fair
- International Festival
- Lions Quest Guidance Program
- Teacher Cadet Program
- America Reads
- Cruisers Program
- Motor Pals
- 2 Full-Time Ameri-Corps Workers
- Special Olympics
- Spirit Week
- Agendas Grades 1-5
- 4K Program
- Chick-fil-A Core Essentials Character Ed. Program

### Extracurricular Activities

- Jump Rope Team
- Morning Read-A-Loud
- M.E.S.S. Club
- Reading Patch Club
- Safety Patrol
- Math Superstars
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Musical Productions
- Jump Rope for the Heart
- Book-It Program
- Clemson Elementary Chorus
- Field Day
- Library Helpers
- Mileage Club
- Chess Club
- Accelerated Reader

### Community Involvement

- School Improvement Council
- Parent/ Teacher Organization
- Open House
- Fall Carnival
- Family Dinner Night
- Something Special
- Business Partnerships
- Volunteer Program
- School Newsletter
- Clemson Community Care
- Country Santa
- Boo-Hoo Breakfast
- Special Nights: Chick-fil-A / Columbo's / Papa Jonn's / Pancho's / Wendy's

### School Facility

- Brick, One-Story Structure Located on a 36-Acre Campus
- Handicapped Accessible; Air-Conditioned
- 46 Permanent Classrooms
- Science Lab / Outdoor Lab / Computer Lab / 2 Achieve Now Labs / 6 Classrooms with Smartboards
- Gymnasium / Barn / Amphitheater
- Art, Music & ESOL Rooms
- Cafeteria (seats 250)
- Media Center (14,000 volumes)
- OT, PT, and Speech Classrooms

### Awards & Recognition

- Met AYP Every Year
- Clemson University Professional Development School
- Academic All State
- Palmetto Gold Award, 2001 - 2005
- 14 School Incentive Rewards
- Innovative Program Award from SC Association for Educational Technology
- Six 2001 Anderson-Oconee-Pickens (AOP) Science Fair Award Winners
- 1st Place AOP Science Fair Winner 2005
- AOP Science Fair World of Energy Award Winner 2003, 2005
- 2000 S.C. Nurse of the Year
- Fulbright Scholarship Recipient
- 3 Bi-Lo Golden Apple Winners
- Special Olympics School Spirit Award
- Finalist for Palmetto's Finest 2003, 2004
- District Teacher of the Year 2003, 2005
- 2003 District Support Person of the Year Finalist
- 2006 VFW State and National Teacher of the Year
- Martin Luther King Poster Contest Winners