

School Achievements

WBE/DELC teachers have been awarded grants to sponsor special student programs and activities.

Special Events

Literacy Night
Red Ribbon Week
Career Day
Book Fair
Suessical The Musical
Field Day, Fun Day – sponsored by Vaden
Safety Day – sponsored by Vaden

2023-2024 School Renewal Plan Goals

By spring of 2024, 35% of the second-grade students will score at or above the 50th% according to MAP Reading.

By spring of 2024, 54.8% of third-grade students taking the SC Ready Reading will score "approaches, meets or exceeds" expectations.

By spring of 2024, 43.5% of third-grade students taking SC Ready Math will score "approaches, meets, or exceeds" expectations.



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School Improvement Council Annual Report to the Parents



**Whale Branch Elementary School
James J. Davis Early Learning Center**

"Proud to be a Title One School"

***"We are a community of
empowered leaders celebrating
achievement and success for all."***



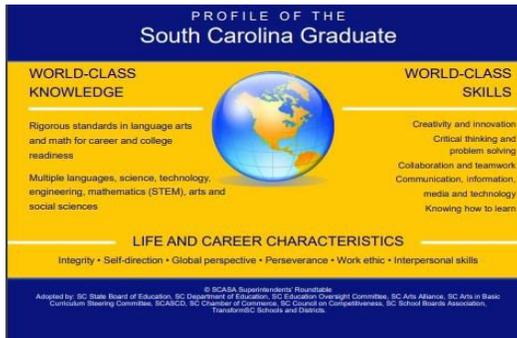
School Profile

Whale Branch Elementary School, located in rural Seabrook, SC, near the Whale Branch River, is home to 388 students. In addition to the main campus, it incorporates James J. Davis Early Learning Center, located at 364 Keans Neck Road. The Early Learning Center houses 39 Pre-K students and 62 Kindergarten students, along with students in Beaufort County's Head Start program. We serve a student population of 74% African Americans, 16% Caucasian, 16% two more races, 13% Hispanic/Latino and 4% two or more races.

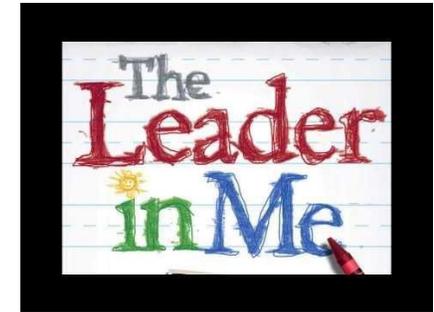
Student Achievement

In accordance with Beaufort County School District, we use student performance data on MAP, SC Ready, and SC PASS, along with other assessments, to inform our decisions about instruction we use to support student learning. Our teachers meet in weekly PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) with our Literacy and Math coaches. Teachers and coaches are engaged in research-based best practices that are incorporated in the lessons they teach. We encourage and support hands-on engagement and enrichment for all students, through the use of one-to-one devices in grades K-4th and S.T.E.A.M. infused activities for grades Pre-K-4th.

Whale Branch Elementary has adopted the "Leader In Me" philosophy to promote a culture of student empowerment and improved discipline. In 2019, the school scored "Average" under **Student Progress** on the SC School Report Card indicating that the lowest 20% of our student population made progress as compared to similar populations across the state. Teachers and staff work vigorously each day to help students meet the profile of a South Carolina



School Programs



The Leader in Me
Afterschool Tutoring
Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies

Our Mission

We pledge to:

- Model and live the seven habits
- Set goals and celebrate success
- Build relationships
- Hold ourselves accountable

Purpose of this Report:

This report is issued, in accordance with South Carolina law, by the Whale Branch Elementary School Improvement Council - an advisory board to the principal dedicated to improving student achievement. The SIC hopes to share information on the school's progress in meeting goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the year.