

WILLOW DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE MADE



Grades: PreKindergarten through 5th
Opening/Closing 7:25 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.
School Colors: Blue and White
School Mascot: Eagle
School Theme: Eagles SOAR High with Purpose and Pride
Enrollment: 670
Average Class Size: 25

Brief Summary of Instructional Program _____

Willow Drive Elementary School helps 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: "All students will receive the respect, encouragement and opportunities they need to build the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to be successful, contributing members of a global society." 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 seek to learn new and effective

strategies to use in the classroom such as Balanced Literacy, CAFE, Daily 5, Read Naturally, hands-on math instruction, inquiry-based science kits, small group guided reading, STEM, and math/reading interventions. We are proud of our strong history of academic success.

At Willow Drive, we believe the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of our young. We offer several programs to enhance our students' ability to develop into well-rounded individuals whose basic needs are met and who are able to positively contribute to society. Thank you for your support and help in the development of our future South Carolina graduates and world leaders!

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Outstanding Features and Programs

- STEM Cohort School
- 1:1 Chromebook Initiative for all Grade Levels
- Partnership with the YMCA
- Child-Centered Curriculum
- Positive Discipline Plan
- Literacy Coach
- Reading Interventionist
- Art, Music and PE
- Talented and Gifted Programs
- After School Care Program
- Guidance Services
- Special Education Services
- Speech Therapy
- Technology
- MTSS (Multi Tiered System of Supports)
- Fruit/Vegetable Snack Program

Recent Awards and Honors

- \$10,000 Grant Funding for 2017-18
- AdvancED Accreditation
- Palmetto Silver Award
- National Board Certified Teachers

Extracurricular Activities

- Eagle Scholar Council
- Step Team
- HYPE After School Enrichment Program
- Student Council
- Safety Patrol
- Choir
- Builders Club
- Good News Club
- Eagle Scholar Step Team
- Eagle Scholar Choir
- Recycling Club/Green Steps

Special Student Incentive Programs

- Eagle Talon Recognition
- Honor Roll
- Terrific Kids
- Positive School Discipline
- Eagle Reward Store
- Behavior Celebrations
- Eagle Scholar Tokens

Parent and Teacher Opportunities

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Teacher Advisory Council (TAC)
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Parent Workshops
- Parent University
- Eagle Parent Council
- Instructional Leadership Team

Community Involvement

- Principal for the Day
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- United Way Campaign
- Pennies for Patients
- March of Dimes Walk America
- Business Partners
- Volunteer Program
- YMCA After-School Program Partnership
- Backpack Program
- Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- 25 Community Mentors
- 18 Community/Business Partners
- Eagle Community Council
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Sumter County Safe Kids
- Monthly Spirit Nights

Faculty Profile

At Willow Drive Elementary, we are “all in...every child, every day, whatever it takes!” Willow Drive has a staff of 81 and includes a principal, assistant principal, curriculum resource teacher, math interventionist, three reading interventionists, 29 regular classroom teachers, two self-contained ED, two LD resource, one Speech, and one ESOL teacher. We also have a literacy coach, behavior interventionist, part-time district social worker, counselor, part-time district psychologist, art teacher, music teacher, physical education teacher, media specialist, computer/technology teacher assistant, secretary/bookkeeper, attendance clerk, guidance secretary, full-time nurse, 11 paraprofessionals, seven custodians, and eight cafeteria workers. The professional staff at Willow Drive remains fairly consistent with few teachers retiring or transferring each year. Willow Drive has five teachers who are National Board Certified, ten with master’s plus 30 degrees, 18 with master’s degrees, 15 with bachelor’s plus 18, and six with bachelor’s degrees. The majority of the staff has at least ten years teaching experience.

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