

# Brooklyn Springs Elementary

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## Our demographics

**School principal:** Shirnetha Stinson      **Began at school:** 2015    **In district:** 1996    **In education:** 1996

**Grades served:** PreK – 5    **Enrollment:** 489      **Economic status:** 94.47% free & reduced lunch

**Diversity:** 27% White, 50% African-American, 19% Hispanic, 4% Other

**Number of teachers:** 32    **Classified:** 17    **Administrators:** 2    **Counselor:** 1    **Media specialist:** 1

**Other:** Reading Coach, Full-time Parent Coordinator, Full-time Nurse, Psychologist, Full-time Speech

**Teachers with advanced degrees:** 70%    **Teacher attendance:** 93.2%      **Student attendance:** 94.5%

## Our mission

The mission of the faculty and staff at Brooklyn Springs Elementary is to enable all students to achieve to their fullest potential and to develop as life-long learners in a culturally diverse society.

## Our facilities

**Date main building was built:** 1962      **Date of renovations:** 1993, 1998, 2001, 2009

**Square feet:** 74,986      **Number of computers:** 280      **Number of classrooms:** 49

**Specialty areas:** 2 Computer Labs, Professional Development room, iPad lab, Laptop Lab (in Media Center)

## Our school programs

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century** – An after-school program that targets third-fifth grade students to assist in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as ELA and physical fitness. Students are served Monday-Friday.

## Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **PE Club** – Fifth grade students participate one day a week before school with the PE teacher.
- **Art Club** – Fifth grade students participate one day a week before school with the art teacher.
- **Junior Beta Club** – Fifth grade honor roll students are selected to participate in the Jr. Beta Club.
- **BSE Chorus** – Students perform for school and community events.
- **Girls on the Run** – This program provides character education for girls and builds self-esteem using experienced-based curriculum and running.

## Our parents/parent support programs

- **PTO** – The PTO supports the school through fundraisers and by recruiting parent volunteers to support the school in a variety of ways.

- **SIC** – The School Improvement Council supports the school in many school and community based activities throughout the school year. These include family reading and math nights, and the annual fall festival.
- **Volunteers** – Volunteers serve as class tutors and chaperone class field trips.
- **Teacher appreciation activities** – PTO provides breakfast and lunch for faculty and staff in May for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Partnership with the faith-based community** – Members serve as class tutors and provide support for school-wide events and teacher appreciation.
- **Partnership with Carolina’s Literacy Network**
- **Partnership with Adult Education**

### Our school strengths

- **Common grade-level planning periods** allow teachers to have on-going collaboration.
- **At least one master teacher** at each grade level serves as team leader.
- **Strong/viable PTO and SIC**
- **Reading Coach** provides on-going staff training and support.
- **A full-time Parent Coordinator** serves as a liaison between teachers and parents.
- **Flexible library schedule** provides instructional support for teachers.

### Our honors & awards

- **2005 Palmetto Gold and Silver Award** – For improvement in minority achievement on the PACT.
- **SACS Accreditation**
- **Various \$500 mini-grants** from the J. Marion Sims Foundation and Service Learning Grants
- **American Reading Company Honor School** – 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14
- **2011 Palmetto Silver Award**