

Clinton Elementary

Cubs

Our demographics

School principal: Keisha Witherspoon **Began at school:** 2019 **In district:** 1997_(returned 2012) **In education:** 1997

Grades served: Pre K – 5 **Enrollment:** 451 **Economic status:** 95% free & reduced lunch

Diversity: 20% White, 71% African-American, 6% Hispanic, 3% Other

Number of teachers: 37 **Classified:** 22 **Administrators:** 2 **Counselor:** 1 **Media specialist:** 1

Other: Nurse, Computer Lab Manager, Literacy Coach, Technology/Math Coach, Physical Therapist, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist and Parent Coordinator

Teachers with advanced degrees: 66% **Teacher attendance:** 96% **Student Attendance:** 95.6%

Our mission

The mission of Clinton Elementary is to prepare children to become responsible, lifelong learners in order to be successful in a challenging world.

Our facilities

Date main building was built: 1948 **Date of renovations:** 1993, 2001, 2009

Square feet: 63,460 **Number of computers:** 154 **Number of classrooms:** 34

Specialty areas: 2 computer labs, Professional Development Room, Literacy Room

Our school programs

- **21st Century Community Learning Center** – A four-day-a-week, after-school program is to provide academic assistance to increase student achievement.
- **Principal's Luncheon** – A celebration is held at the end of each grading period to honor achievements of our students.
- **Post-Graduate Interns** – Students from York Tech and Winthrop complete internships in our school.
- **Lucy Calkins' Unit of Study for Reading** – The reading workshop is one component of a balanced literacy program. It is comprised of a mini-lesson, independent reading time and a time for sharing.
- **Lucy Calkins' Unit of Study for Writing** – The writing workshop is a daily component of a balanced literacy program. It follows the same format as the reading workshop. It begins with a mini-lesson and then independent writing time.
- **Envision Math** – The math workshop is comprised of a mini-lesson, hands-on activities with manipulatives, independent practice at your seat, work stations and guided math with the teacher.
- **Content integrated units** – Through inquiry, students research content topics and present their learning through performance tasks.

Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **CES Chorus** – The chorus is comprised of students in grades three through five. The chorus meets each week and performs in school and community events.
- **PAX Good Behavior Game** – Our school-wide self-regulating behavior management program.
- **Cub Crew Workers** – Students in grades 3-5 are provided real world experiences by applying, interviewing and holding jobs at CES. Jobs include bus patrols, car patrols, flag patrols, hall patrols, reading buddies, bank workers and recyclers.
- **Backpack Buddies** – Nutritious backpacks are provided for weekend snacks.
- **Red Ribbon Week** – a commitment to drug prevention and encouraging students to live drug-free lives.
- **POWER (Present – Optimistic – Willing – Engaged – Ready)** – Positive behavior program that promotes attendance, good behavior and leadership.

Our parents/parent support programs

- **Annual Veterans Day Program** – A program that pays tribute to active and inactive veterans.
- **Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) performances & meetings** – Through the PTO, parents and teachers build partnerships to benefit the students at CES.
- **School Improvement Council (SIC)** – This committee monitors and evaluates school programs and the strategic plan. They also suggest necessary modifications and improvements.
- **Parent University/Strengthening Families** – Throughout the school year, parent workshops are conducted on topics such as how to assist with homework and behavior management, job training and financial responsibility.
- **Block Party** – We celebrate the beginning of the school year with a meet the teachers, food, fun and fellowship with students, families and community members.

Our school strengths

- **CES Parent Forum** – Two to four virtual meetings are held a year to keep parents up-to-date.
- **Professional Learning Communities/Professional Development** – Our teachers meet weekly to deepen their understanding of research-based strategies and best practices that support learning and engagement. Teachers are provided many, varied opportunities to grow professionally throughout the year.

- **Parent Coordinator** – Our parent coordinator plans, schedules and promotes programs that benefit the academic success of our students as well as parent engagement.
- **MTSS** (Multi-Tiered System of Support) – Our teachers and staff have established an ongoing system to reach out to our students and families with specific concerns weekly.

Our honors & awards

- **Palmetto Silver Award** – Recognition for the PACT performance of historically underachieving groups; 2005, 2006, 2013.
- **Palmetto Gold Award** – Recognition for the PACT performance of historically underachieving groups, 2007-08.
- **Grants** – Staff members have written numerous grants.
- **School Improvement Grant & EOC Grant** – Awarded in 2016.
- **SIC Riley Award Honor Roll** – CES was named to the SIC honor roll in 2017.
- **Arts in the Basic Curriculum (ABC) Grant**
- **Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant**
- **2018** – No longer a member of the S.C. Schools Priority List.
- **Duke Energy Stem Grant**
- **Promise Neighborhood Grant**
- **Nutramax Essay Contest**