

Erwin Elementary

Bears

Our demographics

School principal: Cory Hyslop **Began at school:** 2019 **In district:** 2013 **In education:** 1997

Grades served: PreK – 5 **Enrollment:** 419 **Economic status:** 86 % free & reduced lunch

Diversity: 35% White, 49% African-American, 14 % Hispanic, 2% Two or more races

Number of teachers: 29 **Classified:** 15 **Administrators:** 2 **Counselors:** 1 **Media specialists:** 1

Other: 1 nurse, 2 lab managers, EMD teacher, speech therapist, resource

Teachers with advanced degrees: 64.5% **Teacher attendance:** 96.5% **Student attendance:** 96.3%

Our mission

Erwin Elementary's mission is to put children first while providing a nurturing and engaging learning environment that helps all children develop the world class skills, and life and career characteristics of the profile of the South Carolina graduate.

Our motto

Live to love,
Love to learn,
Live to love learning!

Our facilities

Date main building was built: 1975 **Date of renovations:** 1996, 1998, 2001, 2018

Square feet: 74,450 **Number of classrooms:** 40

Specialty areas: 2 computer labs, Chrome book lab, multipurpose room

Programs unique to our school

- **Kid Power Hour After-school Program** – Sixty students from grades 3-5 participate in this program each afternoon. Students are instructed on their academic level using guided reading, LLI and guided math lessons.
- **Artsonia** – This is an online gallery where your child can see his or her artwork published. Once an account is created, family and friends are able to purchase the art.
- **Random Acts of Kindness** – Our guidance counselor works with a group of students who complete acts of kindness for staff and students.
- **K/Grade 1 Chorus** – This consists of approximately 24 students who work to prepare a parent program twice a year.

- **Girls on the Run** – This is a program that encourages girls in grades 3-5 to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. Girls are taught lessons which promote physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being. This program is offered most years.
- **Sports Fundamentals** – This program promotes fitness for students and are taught about support and being judgment free of each other's skills.

Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **Advanced Art Club** – Students who excel in the arts meet each week to create backdrops for programs, artwork to be displayed and art entries for local contests.
- **Relay for Life Team and Activities** – Throughout the year, the team holds events to raise money for cancer research. Events are as follows: Christmas Dance, Spring Dance, Dunking Booth, Luminary sales, Relay bracelet sales, etc.
- **Student Council** – The student council provides service learning activities and events for the community.
- **Chorus** – Our chorus provides vocal opportunities for students in grades 4 and 5.
- **K – 1 Chorus** – This group provides opportunities for students in K and grade 1 to feel comfortable performing for an audience.
- **iLead**

Our parents/parent support programs

- PTO
- SIC
- Parent of the Week
- Volunteers
- Relay for Life
- Wet & Wild
- Wax Museum
- Family Day
- Fun with Science Workshop
- Kindergarten Open House/Orientation
- Back To School Night/Open House
- Pastries for Parents
- Goodies for Grands

- Veteran’s Day Program
- Roaring 20’s 5th grade projects
- Parent Lunch for each grade level
- Digger’s Reading Club
- Dancing Through the Decades

Our school strengths

- Erwin’s positive environment and family like atmosphere are strengths at Erwin.
- Our motto is simple, but meaningful as it reads, “Live to Love; Love to Learn; Live to Love Learning.”
- Our arts program allows special area teachers to work with the faculty to provide numerous opportunities for students to succeed through the arts.
- Erwin’s community service focus allows students to become familiar with many causes and encourages them to give of themselves and their time to make things better for others.

Our honors & awards

- Numerous J. Marion Sims Grants
- Water and Conservation Teacher of the year – Donna Wilder
- SACS Accreditation for 20+ years
- Celebrate Great Teaching Award Nominees
- Special Olympics