

# Orchard Park Elementary School

## School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2018-2019

The Orchard Park SIC is focused on school improvement. SIC members collaborate together to share knowledge about student, family, and community needs and suggest ideas for effective change. The OPES SIC this year actively engaged in dialogue around three themes that guided our conversations and planning for school improvement. The themes are:

**Community Relations, Student Enrichment Opportunities, & Parent Involvement**



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School Colors: Burgundy and Gold  
School Mascot: Eagle  
School Motto: Soar High with Pride!  
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. - 2:25 p.m



### OUR COMMITMENTS at ORCHARD PARK ELEMENTARY

- We are committed to the belief that all children can learn.
- We are committed to the belief that collaboration and positive RELATIONSHIPS are needed for continuous growth.
- We are committed to the belief that we are a strong COMMUNITY who is PASSIONATE about putting children first.
- We are committed to the belief that we serve others with PRIDE.

### OUR MISSION at ORCHARD PARK ELEMENTARY

To ensure high levels of learning for all students and adults.

### School Statistics (as of May 2019)

Grades: K-5 | Enrollment: 784

White: 78.9% | African American: 10.5% |

Hispanic: 4.7% | Other: 5.9%

Free & Reduced	16.5%
Special Education (students with primary disabilities other than speech/language)	5%
Academic Gifted Program Grades 3-5 (GT)	34%
English Language Learners (ELL)	2%

## Student Achievement at Orchard Park

Orchard Park students consistently out-perform local and national averages on MAP testing. See Spring 2019 Average RIT Scores below:

Grade	Subject	OPES	FMSD	National
Kind.	ELA	165.7	164.4	155.9
	Math	165.3	165.5	156.6
1	ELA	182.8	183.5	175.7
	Math	186.6	188.1	178.6
2	ELA	192.1	194.6	187.4
	Math	192.7	194	190.3
3	ELA	205.2	203.9	197.9
	Math	205.8	206	201.7
4	ELA	211.6	212.1	205.3
	Math	213.9	215.7	211.9
5	ELA	220.2	217.9	211.2
	Math	225.9	225.3	220.0

\* For more information about student achievement, you may view Orchard Park's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).



### Opportunities for Students at Orchard Park

- ◊ Chess Club
- ◊ Girls on the Run
- ◊ Let Me Run
- ◊ Junior Librarians
- ◊ Soarin' Sounds
- ◊ Eagle Beats
- ◊ Art Club
- ◊ Student Nutrition Club
- ◊ STOP Club (Students Thinking of Other People)
- ◊ Safety Patrol
- ◊ Battle of the Books

### Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Orchard Park Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."



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