



# McLaurin Elementary



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GRADES

**3K-2**

ENROLLMENT

**564**

CLASS SIZE

**20**  
AVERAGE

STUDENT TO  
TEACHER  
RATIO

**18:1**

PRINCIPAL

**Amy  
Williams**

MOTTO **We are "PAWSITIVELY" the best!**

[mclaurin.f1s.org](http://mclaurin.f1s.org)

## NOTEWORTHY

### School-wide Montessori Curriculum

As a Montessori School, McLaurin provides a unique and celebrated method of education based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning, and collaborative play.

Classrooms are designed to encourage students to make creative choices, while age-appropriate activities guide the learning process. A study released by Furman University revealed that public Montessori students in SC outperformed their non-Montessori counterparts on standardized tests and a variety of social and emotional metrics.

### 2022 BRSE Lighthouse School

McLaurin was chosen as a 2022 Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence (BRSE) Lighthouse School. Based on a nationally validated assessment process, we met the criteria for this prestigious award. BRSE focuses on nine performance areas including Student Focus and Support, School Organization and Culture, Challenging Standard and Curriculum, and School, Family, and Community Partnerships.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### Gifted & Talented

18% of students participate in Gifted & Talented Programs

### Curriculum

Daily Montessori Lessons ▪ Freckle ▪ Study Island ▪ Brain Pop Jr. ▪ Flocabulary ▪ Lexia ▪ Dreambox

In the Montessori environment, children "move up" to the next level based on individual readiness, which is evaluated by the Montessori teacher/ guide. Montessori education is education for life by addressing the needs of the whole person. Physically, children move from concrete hands-on and sensory experiences to abstract levels of cognition. Through learning about physical and cultural geography and the fundamental needs of man, plants, and animals, students discover the interconnectedness and interdependence of all life.

### Faculty & Staff

We're a dedicated team of 51 certified teacher, plus teaching assistants. Nearly 100% of our teachers are Montessori Trained.

### Extracurricular Activities

Art ▪ Music ▪ STEM Lab ▪ Chorus ▪ Good News Club ▪ Horizons Art Club ▪ Morning Show Crew ▪ PEARLS ▪ R.I.D.D.E. ▪ Safety Patrols ▪ Terrific Kids Program ▪ Violin Club

### Extended Day Program

After-school care is available for students from 2:15pm to 6pm.



### Technology

1:1 Chromebooks  
Smart Boards  
STEM Lab

MASCOT **Scottie Dog**

COLORS



FOUNDED **1979**

## COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Communications

We pride ourselves on keeping an open line of communication with our parents and families through daily agendas, weekly folders, emails, notes and phone calls, as well as a monthly newsletter from the principal. We send regular updates via Blackboard and encourage the use of the F1S app for important notifications and messages.

### Community Involvement

McLaurin celebrates an active Association of Parents and Teachers, as well as an active School Improvement Council. We offer: Mentoring Programs and Parenting Workshops. We partner with: Francis Marion University, Florence Rotarians, Kiwanis Club, Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, and the American Heart Association.

## CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills, and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing each student with experiences that focus on academics, as well as work skills with a strong emphasis on character. In order to achieve the profile, our staff models and allows time for individual exploration of the skills presented to our children. We want our students to learn specific information, but also how to solve problems, work together, and to have the life skills necessary to be successful in life. We strive for all students to become independent learners. Creativity and collaboration are essential elements in our instruction each day. Students are given many opportunities to work together to create projects and find solutions to problems.

## SAFETY

Student safety is a top priority. All doors to our school are locked at all times and visitors must check in at the main office upon entrance. Additionally, we hold monthly school-wide safety drills.

**90%**

of parents indicate  
their children feel  
safe at school

**100%**

of teachers feel safe  
at school and believe rules  
for behavior are enforced

## McLaurin Elementary School Report Card 2022-2023

ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENT

AVERAGE

PREPARING  
FOR  
SUCCESS

BELOW  
AVERAGE

STUDENT  
PROGRESS

AVERAGE

SCHOOL  
CLIMATE

EXCELLENT



Overall,  
performance  
exceeds the  
criteria to ensure  
all students meet  
the Profile of the  
SC Graduate

2022-2023 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING

**GOOD**