



FORT MILL SCHOOLS

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FORT MILL ANNOUNCES 2025 TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

FORT MILL, SC — The Fort Mill School District is excited to announce its 2025 Teachers and Support Staff of the Year. Winners were nominated and voted upon by their peers at each school and facility location. These individuals will play a key communications role throughout the 2025-2026 school year by serving on the district's Teacher and Classified Liaison Committees.

The next step in the district's Teacher of the Year process is to select 5 honor roll finalists, who will be named later this spring. The district's 2025 Teacher and Support Staff of the Year winners will be announced in Fall 2025.

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Editor's note: the winners are pictured below.

2025 Teachers of the Year



Martha Jenkinson
Lead Teacher
Banks Trail Middle



Jessie Haynes
Chorus Teacher
Catawba Ridge High



Sarah Gilreath
Kindergarten
Doby's Bridge Elem.



Ebony Bankhead
7th Grade Guidance
Forest Creek Middle



Kim Barkley
Kindergarten
Fort Mill Elem.



Stewart Ruddy
12th Grade English
Fort Mill High



Rebecca Reiter
7th Grade Math
Fort Mill Middle



Ebony English
3rd Grade
Gold Hill Elem.



Rachael Shriver
Technology
Gold Hill Middle



Chrishonda Howze
4th Grade
Kings Town Elem.



Tyler Griffin
Social Studies
Nation Ford High



Lauren Robinson
Kindergarten
Orchard Park Elem.



Ashley Smith
1st Grade
Pleasant Knoll Elem.



Hayat Sabah
Special Education
Pleasant Knoll Middle



Samantha Rigby
1st Grade
River Trail Elem.



Heather Morris
Technology
Riverview Elem.



Courtney Brady
3rd Grade
Springfield Elem.



Hannah Ritschel
7th Grade Math
Springfield Middle



Michelle Berisford
3rd Grade
Sugar Creek Elem.



Sam Kirkley
5th Grade
Tega Cay Elem.



Emily Sirico
Special Education
Oak Grove Academy

2025 Support Staff of the Year



Christopher Solis
School Psychologist
Banks Trail Middle



Jamale Foster
Instructional Assistant
Catawba Ridge High



Suzanne Crider
Receptionist
Doby's Bridge Elem.



Carissa Carlson
School Psychologist
Forest Creek Middle



Cynthia Jelinek
Bookkeeper
Fort Mill Elem.



Sandra Stankovits
Instructional Assistant
Fort Mill High



Krysten Lawson
Instructional Assistant
Fort Mill Middle



Malinda Murphy
Behavior Technician
Gold Hill Elem.



Johnny Shaw
Instructional Assistant
Gold Hill Middle



Lindsey Maxwell
School Nurse
Kings Town Elem.



Stephanie Gray
Receptionist
Nation Ford High



Allison Pogalz
Behavior Technician
Orchard Park Elem.



Victoria Dawes
Behavior Technician
Pleasant Knoll Elem.



Wendy Longwell
Bookkeeper
Pleasant Knoll Middle



Amber Slovonc
Behavior Interventionist
River Trail Elem.



Barbara Anderson
Technology Assistant
Riverview Elem.



Jenni Hawkensen
Behavior Technician
Springfield Elem.



Kelly Cutrone
Technology Assistant
Springfield Middle



Casey Wright
Receptionist
Sugar Creek Elem.



Tracy Green
Receptionist
Tega Cay Elem.



Melissa McGady
Receptionist
District Office



Robert Ayers
Maintenance Mechanic
Maintenance



Vonda Werth
Operations Mngr
Student Nutrition



Mandy Carter
Dispatcher
Transportation