

2025-26

COTTON BELT ELEMENTARY

Annual Report to the Parents

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78 staff members

424 students

Mission

Our mission is to cultivate a service-oriented community of learners who strive for personal growth and excellence as communicators, collaborators, creators, and critical thinkers.

Vision

To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE

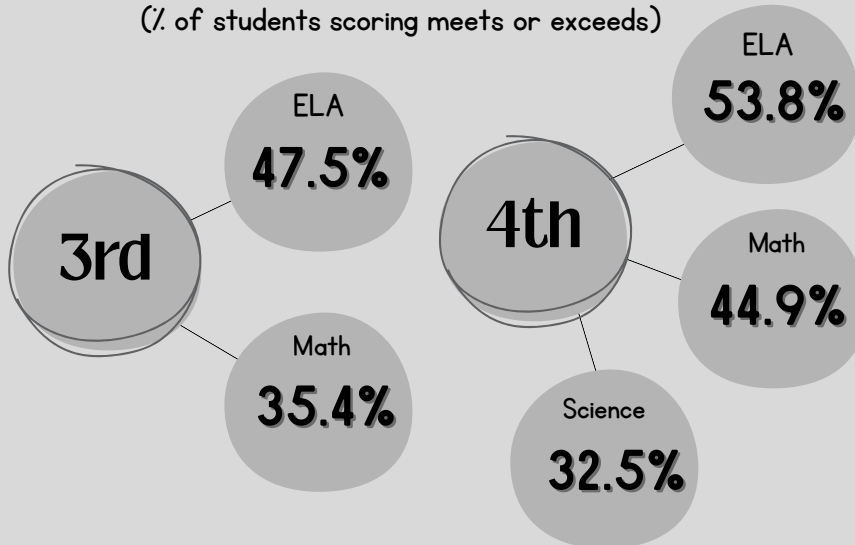
2024-25 SC School
Report Card Rating

58

indicates an overall
GOOD rating

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: 2024-2025 SC READY

2024-2025 SC Ready Results by Grade
(% of students scoring meets or exceeds)

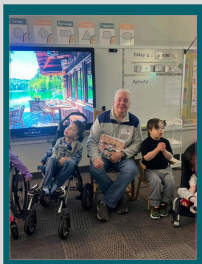


Striving for Excellence

At Cotton Belt Elementary, we strive to provide an environment that supports personalized learning opportunities to meet the individual needs of our students as well as college and career readiness and world class skills. Our school embodies the vision of our district - To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE. We prioritize the whole child by working together to not only provide rigorous student-centered learning experiences that result in increased academic achievement but also focus on the social and emotional needs of our students in order to help them reach their full potential.

At our school, Leader in Me helps students grow as capable, empowered leaders. Students take on meaningful leadership roles in their classrooms and throughout the school, helping build a strong community culture. Each class collaborates to create a mission statement that guides their shared purpose, and teachers support students in learning effective goal-setting skills to track and achieve both personal and academic goals.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



World Read
Aloud Day



Veterans Day



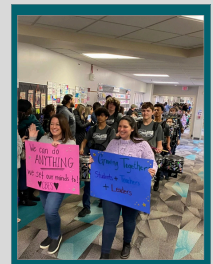
Hall Crawl



Wake Up & Read



Duke Energy
Science Night



CBES
Growth Parade

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“Being on the Student Lighthouse Team gives me a chance to learn how to be a good leader!”

—Finn R., 4th Grade—



CBES Student Oath

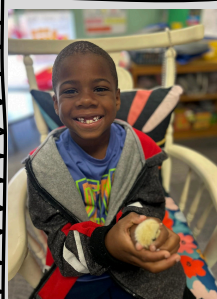
We are leaders every day.
Learning, growing all the way.
We reach for goals both near and far,
Believing in how strong we are.

We own our choices, right or wrong.
And learn from them to grow strong.
We cheer for wins, both big and small,
And lift each other when we fall.

With kind hearts and minds so bright,
We lead and learn with all our might!

INVITATION TO JOIN

We are seeking parents and community members interested in improving student achievement and enhancing our learning environment through community involvement. Meetings are posted on our school website - www.york.k12.sc.us/cbe.



OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



We are so appreciative of the support of these community partners as well as various other local churches and organizations. Thank you!

OUR STORY

The School Improvement Council (SIC), in partnership with other organizations that support our school, works to promote the school's vision while actively identifying and reducing barriers that can limit strong connections between home and school. Through these efforts, the SIC remains focused on strengthening meaningful partnerships that support student success.

The School Improvement Council is also committed to deepening its focus on academic achievement while also expanding opportunities for family engagement. In collaboration with the PTO, the SIC will continue to support initiatives that positively impact student learning, as well as the overall culture and climate of the school.

As part of this commitment, we are excited to host our Kindergarten Readiness Night each May for our rising Kindergarten students and their families. This event is designed to ease the transition into school by providing families with valuable information and hands-on experiences. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school and classrooms, helping students become familiar with their new environment. In addition, children will participate in a school bus experience to build comfort and confidence with daily routines. Families will also receive practical tips and resources to help prepare their child socially, emotionally, and academically for a successful start to their school journey.

We are also excited to host our first annual First Grade Readiness Night to support families as their children transition from Kindergarten to first grade. This event will focus on helping families understand the increased expectations of first grade, including academic growth, independence, and responsibility. Families will engage in activities that highlight key skills students will develop, learn strategies to support learning at home, and gain insight into how they can partner with teachers to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Strong communication and collaboration between school and home are essential to creating a positive and successful school experience for every child. By continuing to build these partnerships, the SIC is helping to ensure that all students feel supported, prepared, and empowered to thrive.

This annual report is developed by the School Improvement Council to be shared with our parents, students, staff, and community.

2025-2026 SIC MEMBERS

Lauren Fitzkee - Teacher & Chairperson
Ashleigh Erb - Teacher, Parent, Vice-Chairperson
Tiffany Phillips - Parent & Secretary
Maria Alosi - Parent
Shelly Ramsey-Oliver - Community Member
Robin Fox - Community Member
Megan Hoyt - Principal
Susan Reeves - Asst. Principal