

ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

Satchel Ford Elementary School 2025 - 2026

SFES School Improvement Council

South Carolina Statute - Act 135 of 1993 requires each of the state's School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual Report to the Parents highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan.

The School Improvement Council of Satchel Ford Elementary School has prepared this annual report for parents and the community. In this report, you will find an account of test scores and academic rankings along with other information about programs, activities, awards, and recognitions for students and teachers.

Our School Improvement Council is always looking for ways to improve our school and we welcome any suggestions that you may have. The SIC would like to thank the teachers, students, administration, parents, and the PTO for their contributions, ensuring that Satchel Ford Elementary School remains a leading school in our community, district, and state.

Academic Accomplishments

On the 2025 SC Annual School Report Card, Satchel Ford Elementary again earned the highest overall rating of "Excellent!" indicating that, "School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate." The percentage of students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" on the SC READY ELA was 82.1%, SC READY Math was 75.3%, SC READY Science was 87.6%. Additionally, thirty-seven students achieved a perfect score on one or more of the 2025 South Carolina Ready tests.

ELA 82.1% **MATH** 75.3% **SCIENCE** 87.6%

Under the guidance of Heidi Mills, Language & Literacy Professor at the University of South Carolina, and with the assistance of reading coach Brooke Fonder, teachers and students developed inquiry projects. First graders made daily journal observations of the moon. Third graders researched a country and then created brochures with the information they learned about the country. Fourth graders used the science standards to guide their research of an animal and then created a book about the animal. Fifth graders studied all of our National Parks and then created informational articles about what they learned. Fifth graders also learned about magazine production. They applied for the different jobs of producing a magazine and then produced their own magazines.

Satchel Ford Teachers completed the State Department required LETRs training LETRs is an empowering professional course of study for instructors of reading, spelling, and related language skills.

SIC - 2025/2026

Officers:
Caleb Gaston - Chair
Maddy Barbian - Co-Vice Chair
Berry Mattox - Co-Vice Chair
Sarah Roberts - Secretary

Parent Members:
Maddy Barbian, Caleb Gaston, Daniel Hudson, Berry Mattox, Kathleen Muthig, Andy Sipes

Ex-Officio Members:
Dr. Matthew Scandrol - Principal
Felita Green - Asst Principal
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Lynne Trowbridge - CRT
Consuela Yisreal - Parent and Family Engagement Specialist
Katie Smith - PTO President

Teachers: Rotation
Laura Timmons, Lauren Goethe
Sumner Livingston,
Susan Jones, Renata Pearson
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SIC Event Guest:
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Goals and Improvements

Satchel Ford Lunch Buddies Program

Satchel Ford Elementary School restarted its Lunch Buddy program in 2026. Lunch Buddies is a program where volunteers are paired with individual students to offer consistent mentorship and support during lunchtime. The goal is to create a positive, encouraging environment where students feel seen, heard and valued. Through regular meetups, Lunch Buddies help build confidence, strengthen social skills and provide an additional layer of connection within the school community.

Satchel Ford Elementary School Highlights & Awards

- Satchel Ford earned the Palmetto Gold Award for student achievement.
- Several of our 4th and 5th grade students competed and placed in the District Science Fair.
- Satchel Ford Elementary was named the Inaugural PALMI Region Winner for the Midlands! The Physical Adeptness and Literacy Model Institution -PALMI- award celebrates schools that go above and beyond to create environments where students learn, grow, and thrive through movement.
- Additionally, Satchel Ford Elementary hosted a number of events highlighting the school and students including: Farm Fest, Art Fest, Family Fun Day, Walk for Life, and the Braves Benefit.
- 40 Satchel Ford students had artwork displayed at the 2025-2026 District One Elementary Art Show.
- The Satchel Ford Honor Choir performed at the Richland One Concert Performance Assessment and also received a superior rating at the Carowinds Festival of Music.
- Satchel Ford students participated in the City of Columbia's 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dreamkeeper Scholarship Writing Contest.
- Satchel Ford students received the Playwriting Award at the District Theatre Festival.
- The Satchel Ford Unified Braves Club participated in numerous events such as: the Polar Plunge and Bocce/Disc Golf Bash.

A big congratulations to the following school championship teams!

- SFES Fitness Bowl team, 2026 District AAA Champions
- SFES Disc Golf Team, 2026 District AAA Champions
- SFES Pickleball Team, 2026 District AAA Champions

We couldn't be more proud of our students, staff, and families for helping foster a school culture where every student is celebrated, included, and empowered. Thank you for being part of what makes Satchel Ford so special!

The 2025-2026 school year has been filled with meaningful moments and incredible support from the Satchel Ford Elementary PTO. With 217 active memberships made up of families, faculty, and staff, our school community came together in amazing ways, contributing over 1,000 volunteer hours and providing the support needed to make this year truly special.

Because of the generosity and dedication of our parents and teachers, the PTO was able to provide funding for numerous school events, including our newly added Farm Fest, helping create meaningful experiences and lasting memories for our students and families. We were also able to provide teacher appreciation lunches throughout the year, fund the position of our science lab instructor, and bring color and creativity to our school by hiring Lacey Hennessey of Lacey Does to paint a beautiful new hallway mural.

In addition, the PTO funded approximately $25,000 in teacher grants, helping provide valuable resources and opportunities for classrooms across the school. We are also excited to sponsor a group of teachers to attend a professional development conference at Olympic National Park this summer, investing in learning experiences that will continue to benefit our students in the years ahead.

The SIC has, and will continue to provide advisory support to achieve the goals and objectives of the SFES strategic plan.
Recurring topics of SIC discussion this year included academic standings, facility maintenance, campus security, workforce and staffing challenges, and communication with RSD1.











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