



# ESTILL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Together, We Grow Gators.*



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### Dear EES Baby Gator Parents and Students,

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year! As your principal, I am ecstatic about our future together and anticipate great things as we embark on this new journey. Myself alongside the faculty and staff of Estill Elementary are excited to work with each and every one of you! We are thrilled to have a few new faces and some changes to positions, and we are especially enthused about the growth that our students have made!!

This year we stand firm on the shoulders of our new vision and mission:

***Estill Elementary's vision is to become a School of Excellence where every child is empowered to achieve academic success, develop strong character, and cultivate social-emotional well-being in a safe and engaging learning environment.***

Our work is guided by our mission:

***Estill Elementary's mission is to provide high-quality instruction and interventions that support our students academically and behaviorally.***

At Estill Elementary, we believe our vision and mission will:

Allow our students to demonstrate their **BEST**

- B** – Behave Responsibly
- E** – Exceed Expectations
- S** – Scholarship First
- T** – Teamwork Always

The goal is for our students to develop world-class skills that prepare them to thrive in an ever-changing global society and become world-class South Carolina graduates who are equipped to lead, serve, and succeed in college, careers, and life.



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All of this cannot be accomplished without your help. Parent involvement is crucial to a child's education, alongside a working relationship to assist in meeting our common goal. Please take advantage of the opportunity by way of joining our PTA (Parent Teacher Association), SIC (School Improvement Council), or simply by paying us a visit.

In addition to a working relationship, we must govern ourselves by the policies and procedures that are in place by all stakeholders. Our handbook is filled with important information regarding school policy and procedures. An electronic version can be found at; <https://ees.hcsdsc.org/>. To find the policies that govern our school and district please visit our district website (<https://hcsd.k12.sc.us/>) for more detailed policy information. Please review the handbook together. If you have any questions, please call the main office: (803) 625 - 5030.

Sincerely,

*Synetria L. Mitchell*

Principal



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Car/Bus Arrival	Breakfast	Morning Announcements	Instruction	Dismissal
7:00 a.m.	7:00-7:15 am	7:15-7:30 am	7:30 am-2:30 pm	2:30 pm
<b>Half Day</b>				
7:00 a.m.	7:00-7:15 am	7:15-7:30 am	7:30 am-11:10 am	11:15 am

Car riders (AM): To ensure that all students are safe, please drop off all car riders at the designated car rider area. Dropping students off at the stop sign, parking lot, and car rider median, will be reported to our SRO team. There will be colored cones outside. To respect the time of others that are in line headed to work and other destinations, please pull up to the next empty cone. This allows the traffic to flow and demonstrates working together as a team and respecting the time of others. (PM) Please remain inside your cars and follow the line. At no times should students be pulled from the car rider area, the building, or buses without the approval of an administrator.

Tardy Arrivals: Parents must escort students into the building after 7:20 a.m. Students are not able to be supervised in the car rider or parking area after 7:20. We want all students to remain safe, thus your cooperation is needed to ensure that any student who arrives after the time, makes it to his/her designated area.

**Upcoming Dates:**

August 6, 2026----- Meet & Greet @ 5:00 p.m.

- Begins in the cafeteria.
- Parents can drop off supplies, meet the teacher, sign up for after-school, complete forms, purchase spirit shirts, sign up for PTA/SIC, and a chance to win a prize.

August 10, 2026----- First day for all 1<sup>st</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

August 10, 2026 ----- Pre-K & Kindergarten Conferences

- Pre-K and Kindergarten students **do not** report to school.

August 11-12, 2026 ----- Pre-K and Kindergarten Staggered schedule.

- Students last names A-L report to school

August 13-14, 2026 ----- Pre-K and Kindergarten Staggered schedule.

- Students last names M-Z report to school.
- Students last names A-L **stay at home** and report back on Monday.

August 25, 2026 ----- First SIC/PTA meeting



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