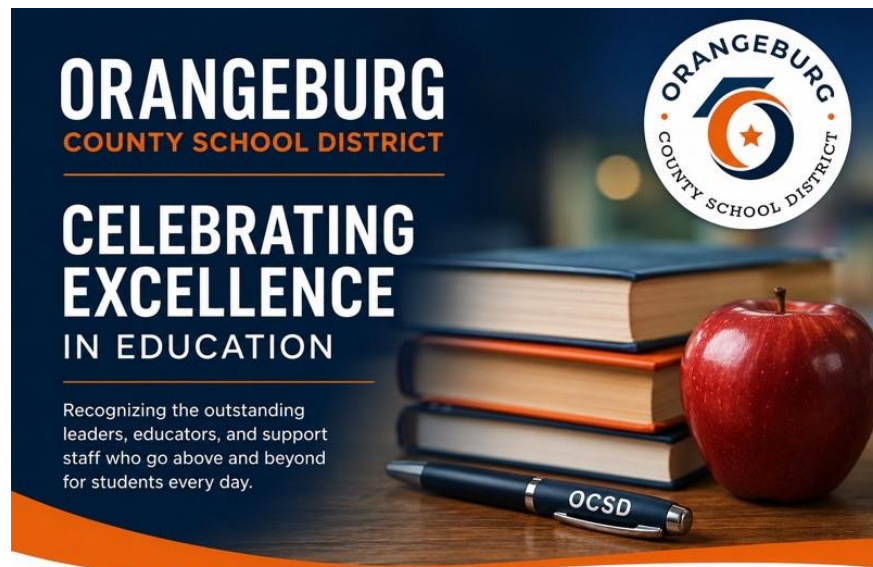




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**Orangeburg County School District Announces
2026-2027 District-Level Finalists for Principal, Assistant Principal,
Teacher, and Support Staff of the Year**

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is proud to recognize the outstanding educators and staff members selected as finalists for the district's 2026–2027 Principal of the Year, Assistant Principal of the Year, District Teacher of the Year, and District Support Staff of the Year awards. These exceptional individuals will be honored tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29, 2026, during the district's annual Convocation as OCSD celebrates excellence in leadership, instruction, and service across its schools.

"Every day, our educators and support professionals go above and beyond to ensure our students receive the very best education and opportunities for success. These finalists represent the heart of Orangeburg County School District. Their passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to students make a lasting impact in our classrooms, schools, and communities. We are honored to celebrate each of them," said Superintendent Dr. Shawn D. Foster.

Assistant Principal of the Year Finalists

- **Marcellina Fugate-Guinyard** – Edisto High School
- **Alyssa Mitchell-Pelzer** – Marshall Elementary School
- **Devin Robinson** – Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School

Principal of the Year Finalists

- **Lakekia Lewis** – Bethune-Bowman K-12 Campus
- **Kemeka Johnson** – Edisto High School
- **Phillip Mickles** – William J. Clark Middle School

District Teacher of the Year Finalists

- **Jessica Moorer** – Bethune-Bowman Elementary School
- **Germaine Fields** – Dover Elementary School
- **Angela Gordon** – Edisto Elementary School
- **Shannon Williams** – Edisto Primary School
- **Kandice Pringle** – Mellichamp Elementary School

District Support Staff of the Year Finalists

- **Actavia Bowers** – Brookdale Elementary School
- **Joy Graef** – Edisto Elementary School
- **Stanyetta Carson** – Marshall Elementary School
- **Sandra Hampton** – Refocus Academy/STAR Center
- **LatreCIA Porter** – Whittaker Elementary School

The annual recognition program celebrates employees who exemplify excellence in education through visionary leadership, innovative teaching, exceptional service, and a steadfast commitment to student achievement. Each finalist was selected for consistently making a meaningful difference in the lives of students, colleagues, and the communities they serve. The winners in each category will be announced during the Orangeburg County School District's 2026 Convocation as employees gather to celebrate the start of another school year dedicated to educational excellence.

Orangeburg County School District

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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