

## Recognitions

- 2015 Palmetto Gold Award
- 2014 Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards
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- SDE Designated Distinguished Title I School for Performance (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- 2008-2017 Safe Kids Upstate Safe School Awards (10 Consecutive Years)
- Teacher of the Year - Debra Harris (2018)
- Support Employee of the Year Mark Kroening (2018)

## Historical Report Card Ratings

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2015	Excellent	Excellent
2016	Excellent	Excellent

## School Improvement Council Members

Laurie Hillstock, Chairman  
 Emily Cone  
 Christina Gerberich  
 Franklin Scott  
 Tracy Turner  
 Kimberly Robson  
 Kela Simpson

## School History

West End School was established as a separate unit of the Easley Public Schools in 1922. In 1929, the wooden building was replaced with a two-story brick structure which was used until the present school, located at the intersection of Highways 8 and 135, opened in the fall of 1985. A new wing was added in 2004. The present enrollment is 720 students in kindergarten (K4 and K5) through grade 5. West End personnel includes 2 administrators, 54 certified staff members, and 32 support staff members.

## Primary Map/MAP Test Results

Average RIT Score

Kindergarten	Math	Reading
West End Avg. Fall 16	138	141
District Avg. Fall 16	140	142
West End Avg. Spring 17	161	157
District Avg. Spring 17	161	158

Grade 1	Math	Reading
West End Avg. Fall 16	170	165
District Avg. Fall 16	167	164
West End Avg. Spring 17	189	182
District Avg. Spring 17	185	179

Grade 2	Math	Reading
West End Avg. Fall 16	179	173
District Avg. Fall 16	180	177
West End Avg. Spring 17	193	188
District Avg. Spring 17	192	190

Grade 3	Math	Reading
West End Avg. Fall 16	193	193
District Avg. Fall 16	193	192
West End Avg. Spring 17	203	198
District Avg. Spring 17	203	200

Grade 4	Math	Reading
West End Avg. Fall 16	203	201
District Avg. Fall 16	205	203
West End Avg. Spring 17	217	210
District Avg. Spring 17	213	209

Grade 5	Math	Reading
West End Avg. Fall 16	213	210
District Avg. Fall 16	212	209
West End Avg. Spring 17	222	214
District Avg. Spring 17	222	214

# West End Elementary School

## Report to Parents 2017-18



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Angie Rodgers, Principal  
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 Kelly Snyder, Reading Coach

## Introduction

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2016-17 school year and updates to the 2017-18 goals.

## Vision Statement

Learning Today,  
Leading Tomorrow

## Mission Statement

Our West End Community maximizes students' potential by providing instruction that builds students' knowledge, strengthens their skills, and develops in them career-ready characteristics for success in an ever-changing world.

## What We Believe

- Children are our first priority.
- All children can reach their potential.
- All children have a right to learn in a safe, caring environment.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- All children can learn and be responsible.
- Diversity promotes understanding and acceptance of others.
- Children, parents, and teachers are partners in education.

## Strategic Plan Goals

We will provide standards-based instruction designed to meet the needs of each student.

We will build a safe and inviting school climate.

We will encourage parent and community participation in the overall program at West End.

## 2017-18 Performance Goals

\*During the 2017-18 MAP and Primary MAP administration: All students will demonstrate adequate yearly growth from spring to spring testing in reading and math. (Fall to Spring growth will be used for kindergarten and second grade.)

\*By June 2017, students in grades K-2 will read at or above the following Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Levels: Kindergarten – Level D/E; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Level J/K; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Level M/N and students will show a minimum of one year's growth.

\*Fifty (50) percent of students in grades 3-5 will score "meets" or "exceeds" in reading as measured by SCReady.

## Theme

West End: A Community with GRIT  
Growth  
Resilience  
Integrity  
Tenacity

## STRATEGIES TO MEET GOALS

- West End Elementary continues as a Title I School-Wide Model School. West End's Title I Plan includes instructional activities (with afterschool tutoring), materials and professional development opportunities for teachers that address strengths/weaknesses identified in the school's needs assessment.
- Teachers implement the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards (SCCCR) and participate in professional development to facilitate SCCCR Implementation.
- Teachers analyze data from teacher assessments, SCReady, SCPASS, MAP, Primary MAP, F & P Benchmarking, and PALS to identify strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and plan differentiated instructional activities to better meet each student's needs.
- Educational opportunities for parents have been held during the day, in the evenings, and off campus to provide parents with subject area information to help them as they assist their children.
- Student artwork is displayed in local art shows. Students participate in local and state musical and choral events.
- Communication to parents & community is provided through newsletters, school & teacher websites, an electronic message board, SchoolMessenger calling system, Schoology, Class DoJo, and social media sites.
- A school-wide positive discipline plan (PBIS Program) and character education programs continue to be expanded.