

## Fork Shoals School Goals

### PERFORMANCE GOAL 1

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### PERFORMANCE GOAL 2

At least 50% of the students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet their MAP target growth in the area of Reading in 2008-09 and 60% of the students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet their target growth by 2013.

### PERFORMANCE GOAL 3

Students, Parents and Teachers will rate Fork Shoals at 90% overall approval rating on the state report card annually.

### Achievements and Awards

Greenville County Teacher of the Year (2009) ♦ State Teacher of the year Finalist (2010) ♦ Authorized International Baccalaureate School ♦ Red Carpet Award Winner (2001 & 2008) ♦ Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant 2007-08 (\$5,000) ♦ School Incentive Reward Winner ♦ PTA Volunteer Silver Award Winner for SC ♦ Certified Schoolyard Habitat ♦ Golden Apple Teacher Recipient

### School Profile

Number of teachers	46
Total Staff	77
Student/Teacher ratio	21:1
Percentage of Teachers with a Masters Degree:	56%
Number Nationally Board Certified Teachers:	5
Christopher Ross, Principal	
Kim Reid, Assistant Principal	
Stacy Hall, SIC President	
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# Fork Shoals School

Primary Years Programme



### Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a world-class culture of inquiry and to nurture each student's desire to be a continuous learner and a responsible citizen.

Report to the Community

2009-2010

## Student Achievement

Fork Shoals School administers a national standardized test once a year to the 4th graders. Over the past three years the students have scored around or above the 50th percentile compared to their peers across the country. The school also administers the Measures of Academic Progress test and the state test, Palmetto Assessment of State Standards.



### Students' National Percentile Ranks on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills

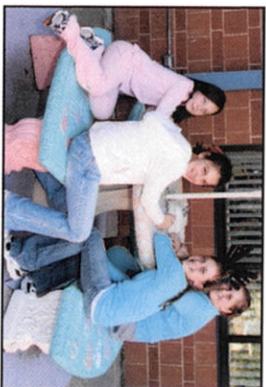
	2007	2008	2009
Language	48	52	49
Reading	54	60	51
Math	61	61	50
Core Total	53	56	50

## Curriculum

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program ♦ Schoolyard habitat/Butterfly Garden ♦ Challenge Program (Gifted and Talented) ♦ Computer Lab Instruction ♦ Fifth Grade Exhibition ♦ Kids Interacting Through Early Language Learning Program (Kite-LL)(3rd-5th gr.) ♦ Math Superstars Program ♦ National Geography Bee ♦ National Spelling Bee ♦ Reflections Contest ♦ SEEDS Program (In-class, Directed Reading) ♦ Science Lab Instruction ♦ Early Reading Intervention in K5 & 1st grade ♦ Spanish Teacher ♦ Math Intervention in 1st grade ♦ Distance Education

## Special Events

Antique Tractor Show and Fair ♦ Blood Drives ♦ Book Fair (twice a year) ♦ Career Day Fair ♦ Fall Festival ♦ Cultural Night ♦ Author Visits ♦ Red Ribbon Week Events ♦ Artist-In-Residence ♦ Family Writing Night

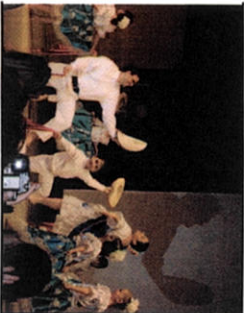


## Extra Curricular Activities

Chorus ♦ Culture Club ♦ Early Release Program ♦ Environmental/Recycling Club ♦ Fork Shoals TV Show (Daily News) ♦ Garden Club ♦ Good News Club ♦ International Club ♦ Jr. Beta Club ♦ Lego Robotics Club ♦ Piano Performers ♦ Fitness Club ♦ Safety Patrol ♦ Student Council ♦ Chess Club ♦ Lacrosse ♦ Drama Club ♦ Destination Imagination ♦ Golf ♦ Soap Carving ♦ Chemistry ♦ Rocketry ♦ Boot Camp

## Special Features

♦ 130 Years of Education in this Community  
♦ Excellent Volunteer Program  
♦ Excellent Business and Community Support  
♦ Active School Improvement Council (SIC)

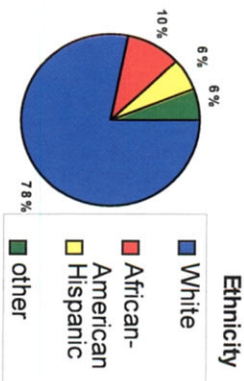
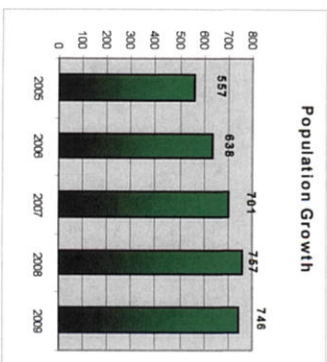


## Demographics

Fork Shoals has a diverse group of students. The school has 78% Caucasian, 10% African American, 6% Hispanic, and 6% other ethnicities.

## Enrollment

Fork Shoals School population has steadily increased due to growth in this area. Below is a chart that shows the growth rate over the past 5 year.



Currently 11% of our students attend Fork Shoals on special permission. This percent has decreased yearly due to attendance restrictions.



## Where We Stand

Fork Shoals School is in its fifth year as an International Baccalaureate School. As an IB school our students learn a second language starting in kindergarten. Our Spanish Program has developed where students in the early grades receive weekly immersion lessons, and students in the upper grades have daily lessons. Our lead teacher, Kelly Nalley, is recognized as the District Teacher of the Year and a finalist for State teacher of the Year. The school continues to move forward with technology initiatives. This year our students have taken part in distance education opportunities. The children have talked to a World War II Veteran at Pearl Harbor, conducted experiments with scientists at NASA, and asked questions to a marine biologist at the Great Barrier Reef Aquarium in Australia. Technology remains an integral part of our school. Our parents and community have supported the school over the year in so many ways. The PTA has helped launch a KID Reader program and our SIC has expanded our clubs and constructed a coat closet. Through these collaborative efforts our children are growing in to responsible citizens and life-long learners.

## Technology

Networked Computer Lab ♦ Promethean Boards(K5-5th grade) ♦ Tanberg Distance Ed (live interactive lessons across the country) ♦ 3 Rolling Net-worked Laptop Computer Labs ♦ Two computers in each classroom ♦ Compass Reading and Math Software (activities based on student's level) ♦ Accelerated Reader Program ♦ STAR Reading Program