

## Performance Goals

**Mathematics Goal:** During the 2025-2026 school year, the percentage of students (grades 3-5) meeting or exceeding standard on SC READY Mathematics will increase from 69.4% to 73% using various strategies.

**English/Language Arts Goal:** During the 2025-2026 school year, the percentage of students (grades 3-5) Meeting/Exceeding Expectations on ELA SC READY will increase from 69.4% to 74% in spring 2024.

## Survey Data

- 85% of parents are satisfied with the learning environment.
- 87% of parents report their child feels safe during school.
- 85% of parents are satisfied with the social and physical environment.

## Primary Focus Areas

- 1 – GCS Instructional Protocol with continued emphasis on strong Tier 1 instruction and interventions in Math and Literacy
- 2 - Supporting students with Tier 2 interventions who qualify for ML, SPED, and/or RTI services
- 3 – Social and Emotional Learning and Wellness
- 4 - Using Data to Enhance Instruction through Mastery Connect and Strategies for Closing the Gap



## Standardized Testing Results

<b>SC Ready—Mathematics</b>			
	<b>Sara Collins % Met</b>	<b>District % Met</b>	<b>State % Met</b>
<i>Spring 2020</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Spring 2021</i>	54%	53%	42%
<i>Spring 2022</i>	61%	59%	46%
<i>Spring 2023</i>	63%	60%	48%
<i>Spring 2024</i>	65%	61%	50%
<i>Spring 2025</i>	63%	60%	48%

<b>SC Ready—English Language Arts</b>			
	<b>Sara Collins % Met</b>	<b>District % Met</b>	<b>State % Met</b>
<i>Spring 2020</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Spring 2021</i>	56%	52%	42%
<i>Spring 2022</i>	57%	59%	46%
<i>Spring 2023</i>	67%	64%	55%
<i>Spring 2024</i>	66%	63%	56%
<i>Spring 2025</i>	69%	71%	63%

## SUMMARY OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Our ELA SC READY data has improved from 57% to 73% over the course of 7 years. That is a 16% increase in that time.
- Sara Collins outperformed the district by 5% and the state by 13% in ELA.
- Our Math SC READY data has improved from 59% to 66% over the course of 7 years. That is a 7% increase in that time.
- Sara Collins outperformed the district by 11% and the state by 21% in Math.

Dr. Melissa Burns, Principal  
 Mrs. Cheryl Elliott, Assistant Principal  
 Mrs. Victoria Schwartz, Administrative Assistant  
 Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Instructional Coach  
 Mrs. Lauren Hunt, PTA President  
 Mr. Sims Whitted, School Improvement Chair

**Sara Collins Elementary**



**Annual Report  
to the Community**

**2025-2026**

The **mission** of the SCE family is to create an environment where **all** students will grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

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## Awards and Accomplishments

- Accreditation by AdvancED 2013—present
- Palmetto Gold Award 2023-24, 2024-25
- NPTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence
- SCPTA Excellence in Enrichment Programs 2022-23, 2023-24
- SCPTA Excellence in Membership 2022-23, 2023-24
- SCPTA Communication & Membership Enrichment Awards, 2019 - 2015
- SCPTA 100% Excellence in Membership Award since 1976
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- SCPTA Excellence in Membership Promotion 2022-23
- Three National Board Certified Teachers
- Invited to LEGO Robotics Worlds 2023-24; First Lego League World Festival 2024 First Championship
- Multiple teachers are grant recipients to include Donor's Choose grants



- Strong partnership with School Improvement Council and PTA for many kinds of support with our program, curriculum, and facilities to include LEGO Robotics, Grandparents and Special Friends Club, Breakfast Buddies, and The Amazing Shake
- Updated and enhanced adapted playground equipment
- Designed and implemented The Amazing Shake at Sara Collins, beginning in 2017-18

## Sara Collins and the Greenville Community

Since it opened in 1964, Sara Collins Elementary has enjoyed strong community support. Our volunteers, businesses, and educational partners are an essential part of our school community.

Our PTA serves thousands of volunteer hours each year. Proceeds from Freaky Friday and other fundraising events provide students with additional technology, playground and facility enhancements, and classroom support, including instructional development and materials. In addition, our students participate in the "Pay It Forward" fundraiser event to support Washington Center providing supplies and materials to their school.

Volunteer tutors and speakers reinforce basic skills, character traits, and enhance and enrich the curriculum. Middle and high school students, along with adults, volunteer for classroom and PTA events. Other volunteers aid teachers in developing supplementary materials for the classrooms and organize and staff special events.

Business partners donate their time, services, materials, and money to enrich the lives of students. These business partners include Palmetto Family Orthodontics, Southern First, Old Colony, Frodo's, Papa John's, TruColor, Chick-Fil-A, Firehouse Subs, and Publix. Many community members volunteer for The Amazing Shake.

JL Mann, Mauldin, and Greenville High Schools provide Teacher Cadets who spend time in classrooms helping teachers and students. USC Upstate, Converse, Furman, Anderson, North Greenville, Clemson, and Bob Jones Universities assign student teachers to develop their skills in teaching while assisting us in meeting our goals.



## Outstanding Features and Programs

- Spanish Program (Grades K-5th grades)
- Extended Day Program (On-Site)
- Active PTA and Volunteer Program
- CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) School
- "Pay It Forward" to support other schools
- LEGO Robotics Team (Grades 4-5)
- Singing Scouts Chorus (Grades 4-5)
- Battle of the Books
- Safety Patrol and Student Helper Program
- Student Council (Grades 3-5)
- Amira and Lexia Labs
- "Greenville Livewell", grant winner



- Breakfast Buddies and Mentoring in partnership with Greenville Mentors
- Grandparents & Special Friends Club
- RTI - Reading & Math Intervention Program (K-5)
- The Amazing Shake ~ *Professionalism with a Personal Touch* ~ at Sara Collins Elem.
- Visits from Authors, Illustrators, and Artists-in-Residence
- Field Days by Grade Levels
- Literacy Day
- Gifted Education Program
- Family Arts & Curriculum Nights
- Veterans' Day Luncheon