

## Family & Community Involvement

**All Pro Dad's and Mom's Breakfast** - Each month dads, moms and kids participate in building character, closeness, and involvement of parents in their children's lives.

**Angel Tree** - Families donate food for Thanksgiving and Christmas presents for needy students and families.

**Box Tops for Education** - Collected monthly to purchase items for the school.

**Business Partners** - Donate for the school's leadership initiative.

**Career Fair** - Annual event directed by our School Counselor bringing in 35-40 business and community members to share their careers with the students.

**Family Events**— Fall Dance, Parent Information Nights, Family Spirit Nights, Book Fair Family Nights, Thanksgiving Luncheon, and Field Day.

**HELP of Beaufort** - Fundraiser

**LINKS** - Annual program for military impacted students.

**Military Family Liaison Consultant** - A licensed mental health professional working with military students and families.

**PLT** - Parent Teacher Leadership Team which supports the school through volunteer opportunities and fundraisers, and assists with Booster-thon, school events and family-oriented activities that enhance learning.

**River of Words** - Affiliation with the national River of Words initiative, which teaches students the value of protecting our environment by connecting nature and the arts. Student art work and poetry are submitted for publication.

**Tutors and Mentors** - Community members assist students who need additional reading support.

**Services Learning Projects** - K-Kids Car Wash, Shoe Drive, Pennies for Patients, Coat Drive

**United Way** - Annual participation in the fundraising campaign.

### About Our School

Coosa Elementary School was built in 1998 and was named after the Coosa Indians who once populated this area. Approximately 30% of our students have a parent who serves in the military. We are the 12th school in SC and one of nearly 1,950 schools internationally implementing "The Leader in Me" leadership initiative, based on Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People."

### What Are Our Current School Renewal Plan Goals?

*(Goals are periodically reviewed by the SIC/Coosa faculty and staff)*

- Maintain and communicate a purpose and direction for continuous improvement with high expectations for learning and shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.
- Provide resources and services that support the purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.
- Use a curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices that guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning across all grades and courses.
- Implement a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and system effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.
- Operate under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and system effectiveness.

2018-2019 PARENT SURVEY SUMMARY	
<i>Thank you, parents for your participation. 331 Surveys were received.</i>	
My child feels successful at school.	94.9%
Our family feels welcomed at Coosa.	98.6%
We are satisfied with learning in all content areas.	98.5%
Technology is adequately integrated.	96.6%
My child feels safe in areas around the school.	93.3%
Safety procedures are adequate.	95.9%
I receive adequate communication from the school. (Administration, teachers, support and office staff)	87.3%
<b>Overall Satisfaction at Coosa</b>	<b>95%</b>

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## School Improvement Council Report to Parents Coosa Elementary School 2018-2019



*Home of the Bobcats*



The Leader in Me™

great happens here

**An Update on the  
Progress of Our  
School Renewal Plan**

Melissa Pender, Interim Principal

# The Mission of Coosa Elementary School

*Growing great leaders who dream more, learn more, achieve more, and become more...*

## What is the School Improvement Council?

Mandated by law, the School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory group to the CES principal and faculty. The SIC plays a crucial role in school improvement by bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders who work collectively to establish, monitor and evaluate specific long-range goals (School Renewal Plan) for student achievement. Other duties include producing the annual report to parents which outlines the progress of that plan, and advising on the use of school incentive awards.

### Ex-Officio

Melissa Pender, Interim Principal

### Community Members

Patty Huckabee  
Judy Winslow

### Parent Members

Maryanne Harrelson, SIC Chair  
Brittany Devlin, Secretary  
Ashley Hildreth  
Dana Trudeau

### Teacher Members

Kimberly Islas  
Marjorie Isley

## Our School's Achievements

- Excellent Rating on S.C. School Report Card 2019
- Achieved Lighthouse Academic Distinction 2018-2019
- Achieved "Lighthouse Status" as a Leader In Me School
- State Dept. of Ed. Palmetto Gold Award 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016
- Met Annual Yearly Progress Status (No Child Left Behind) for the 13th consecutive year
- 3 of our teachers are Nationally Board Certified
- 12 of our teachers are Gifted Endorsed Teachers
- 4 of our teachers are Read to Succeed Certified
- 2013 – Coosa renovated and rededicated the Memorial Reflection Garden with generous support from parents, businesses, and the community.
- 2014-2015, 2015-2016-Coosa received an "A" rating by the S.C. Department of Education.
- State Dept. of Ed. Palmetto Silver Award 2010, 2011
- 2011 Recognized as a USDA Healthier US School (Bronze Award recipient).

## Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP Testing is used to show a student's academic progress in school. These assessments include Reading and Math. The table below shows the percentage of Coosa students at or above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT based on the 2018-2019 Fall and Winter (K-2) and Fall and Spring MAP results (3-5).

	Math		Reading	
	Fall 2018	Winter 2018	Fall 2018	Winter 2018
Kindergarten	37.8%	45.8%	41.9%	44.4%
First Grade	66.3%	80.0%	71.3%	65.4%
Second Grade	65.7%	74.2%	56.7%	58.1%

	Math			Reading		
	Fall 2018	Winter 2018	Spring 2019	Fall 2018	Winter 2018	Spring 2019
Third Grade	55.7%	65.8%	62.0%	60.3%	63.8%	61.0%
Fourth Grade	66.7%	74.6%	72.0%	75.4%	70.4%	72.0%
Fifth Grade	63.8%	76.9%	71.0%	67.5%	69.2%	69.0%

## SC Assessment of State Standards (SC READY and SC PASS) 2018

The table below shows the percentage of Coosa students who "Met" or "Exceeded" Expectations for the 2017-2018 school year. Only 3rd-5th grade students are tested.

	SC READY ELA	SC READY MATH	SC PASS Science	SC PASS Social Studies
3rd Grade	69.9%	80.8%	N/A	N/A
4th Grade	71.3%	70.1%	78.4%	N/A
5th Grade	41.4%	62.9%	N/A	80.5%

## Innovative Learning & Resources

**Artsonia** —Coosa student artwork is displayed online in a Student Art Gallery at [artsonia.com](http://artsonia.com). Our gallery continues to grow. Currently, there are more than 19,500 works of student art published on our Arstonia gallery. We have had almost 55,000 visitors to the site. For busy families, and family members far away, it is a great way to see what our students at Coosa are doing in the art room.

**Brain Boosters** —A 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum resource that encourages critical thinking and problem solving.

**Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)** —Classes designed to challenge qualifying 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Instructional Coaches**—Reading and math coaches focus on teacher professional development and teaching "best practices".

**Literacy Intervention Teachers**—Two certified teachers provide intensive small group and individual reading instruction for struggling students.

### Major focus on technology:

- Interactive Boards in all classrooms
- K-2 students have iPads
- 3-5 students have HP laptops
- One computer lab
- STEM Lab
- Reflex Math – An online math program for grades 2-5 that promotes math fluency.

**The Leader in Me and school-wide Positive Based Intervention System (PBIS)** —Coosa promotes building a force of future leaders who possess the core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity.

### Demographics

- 498 Students in Grades PK - 5
- 40 Certified faculty members
- 65% certified faculty members with advanced degrees
- 13 Classified staff members