

Our Mission

The mission of Calhoun County Public Schools, is to empower all students to compete and succeed in this ever-changing global society.

Calhoun County School District Board Members

Gary Porth, Chair
Kevin Jenkins, Vice-Chair
Debra Fredrick, Secretary
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St. Matthews K-8 2016 - 2017 Initiatives:

Teachers will utilize research-based, rigorous, and effective instruction that is aligned to the SC Ready standards in order to meet the needs of all students.

- ◆ **Implement ninety minutes of reading instruction for all students.**
- ◆ **Implement reading strategies and integrated reading software.**

The school will engage families in academic family nights and host parent workshops.



Empower. Compete. Succeed

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Accelerated Reading
- ◆ Accelerated Math
- ◆ Middle School Chorus
- ◆ Band and Honor Band
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ Morning News Teams
- ◆ Character Student of the Month
- ◆ After-School Enrichment
- ◆ Gifted & Talented Program
- ◆ Montessori Program
- ◆ Black History Month Celebration
- ◆ Veterans' Day Recognition
- ◆ IXL
- ◆ Tutorials
- ◆ Study Island
- ◆ AIMS Web
- ◆ First In Math
- ◆ Empower 3000
- ◆ Field Trips
- ◆ Athletic Program
- ◆ Star & Superstar Readers
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ S.O.S. Boys Club
- ◆ Read Across America
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Family Math and Science Night
- ◆ Reading Eggs
- ◆ StarFall
- ◆ Walk to School
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ High School Computer Course
- ◆ DARE
- ◆ Jr. Beta Club
- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ Science Fest
- ◆ R.I.D.D.E
- ◆ Academic Nights
- ◆ ESOL
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Geek Fest
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Advisement
- ◆ Brain Pop
- ◆ Book Character Costume Day
- ◆ Discovery Education
- ◆ Author's Visits
- ◆ Science Lab
- ◆ Flag Detail
- ◆ Cyber Bullying Workshops
- ◆ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◆ Algebra I
- ◆ English I
- ◆ Literacy Coach Grant
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ Cyberbullying workshop
- ◆ One-to-One School
- ◆ Bullying Workshop
- ◆ Gateway to Technology

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be the premier, competitive school district recognized globally for embracing the needs of each student.



OUR BELIEFS

We believe...

- ◆ **in establishing and maintaining high expectations for all students.**
- ◆ **in technology being an integral part of our instructional program for success in a global society.**
- ◆ **in every student being responsible for his/her choices and actions.**
- ◆ **in providing challenging and rigorous experiences to develop confident and competent students.**
- ◆ **in an environment that encourages all to appreciate diversity.**
- ◆ **in change providing opportunities for academic, social, and personal growth.**
- ◆ **in student learning and success being a chief priority.**
- ◆ **in fostering cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders to promote engaging learning experiences.**

Our School

Currently, 673 students are enrolled.

Community Outreach

- ◇ Canned Food Drive
- ◇ Adopt a Family at Christmas
- ◇ Veterans' Day Appreciation
- ◇ Family Burn-Out Relief Fund
- ◇ Backpack Program
- ◇ Volunteers Outreach Program
- ◇ Partnership with OCTech Education Dept.
- ◇ Teacher Cadets from CCHS
- ◇ Calhoun Cares
- ◇ Local Churches and Businesses Donations
- ◇ Claflin Talent Search Partnership
- ◇ Rotary Club Partnership
- ◇ SCSU 1890 Research and Extension Program
- ◇ SCSU Consortium of the Arts
- ◇ St. Matthews Parish Church
- ◇ Calhoun Convalescent Center
- ◇ Grandparents Day Appreciation
- ◇ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◇ Calhoun County Library
- ◇ Clemson Cooperative Extension Program
- ◇ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- ◇ Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Columbia Fireflies Reading Program
- ◇ One School ,One Book Initiative
- ◇ Donors Choose Program
- ◇ Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Dick Horne Foundation
- ◇ Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- ◇ Arby's

School Improvement Council

Dante Kinley, **Chair**
Olivia Smith, **Secretary**

Barry Charley
Doretha Jones
Shakeila Izlar
Zachary Pough

Melissa Peeples
Tamika Fordham
Jeri Jeffcoat



School Summary Report

2016-2017

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Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent

Mr. Barry Charley, Principal

Dr. Melissa Peeples, Assistant Principal

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accredited by the Southern Association of
Colleges and Schools.*

St. Matthews K-8 is a Title I School



Recognitions

**St. Matthews K-8 is a Palmetto
Silver Reward School**



**Nationally Certified Clinically Competent
Speech Therapist**

Kandi Young and Courtney Dixon

**Recipient of The SC Chamber of Commerce
Homework Center Grant Grades 2nd-5th**

USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

Visual Arts Grant

Calhoun County District Teacher of the Year

Tamika Fordham

Dick Horne Foundation Grant Recipients

Chanell Dingle
Germaine Fields
Tamika Fordham
Anita Fersner
Becky Haigler
Roscoe Mitchell

Janice Smith
Matilda-Snell-Kinsey
Carolyn Snider
Alice Walker
Gloria-Felder-Way

**USC Regional Science Fair Winners
Russell Brunson and Jatoria McFadden**

**SC Junior Scholar
Chekirah Woody**

Recognitions Continued.....

2016-2017 Newly Identified

Duke Tip Scholars

Ethan Alsup	Keavia Haynes
Kameron Wright	Jeremy Fields
David Garcia-Toribio	Malachi Michael
Jessica Westberry	Luther Alsup
Elijah Guest	Dontrell Isme
Emily Westberry	Elon Tullock
Tyreon Taylor- Benjamin	

2016-2017 Student Council

President - James Kelly
Vice-President - Kenneth Green
Asst. Vice- President - Tacoma Magnan
Recording Secretary - Ajahnae Brigmon
Corresponding Secretary - De'India Elmore
Asst. Corresponding Secretary - Relinda Riley
Treasurer—Jamari Howell
Parliamentarian - Jatoria McFadden
Asst. Parliamentarian- Adamaris Martinez-Rodriguez
Sergeant-At-Arms - Brandon Myrick
Asst. Sergeant -At-Arms - Shanari Buckner
Chaplain - Montez Haynes
Event Coordinator - Dontrell Isme

2016-2017 Jr. Beta Club Inductees

Russell Brunson	Terez Sellers
Tyrese Duckson	Shade' Woody
Jayanna Goodwin	Chekirah Woody
James Kelly	
Dannesha Seawright	

**MLK, Jr. Oratory Competition
District Winner
Jeremy Fields**

**Poster Contest, "A Place Called Home"
1st Place Erika Carter**

