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# BYRD ELEMENTARY

## SCHOOL



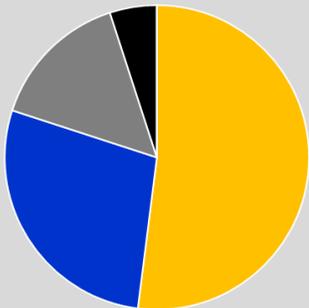
A 91,000 square foot elementary school located in historic Graniteville, S.C. Our doors opened in 2008, today welcoming over 800 students. Byrd Elementary is among the largest for early learners in Aiken County. We utilize a technology rich instructional program in grades K-5 to enhance student achievement.



Byrd Elementary received the Palmetto Silver award in 2011-12 and 2012-13 for student achievement. We are excited to have a Byrd Elementary student who is a national Doodle for Google contest winner. Byrd students were also named as the state Litter Trashes Everyone Campaign winner and region winner in 2015.



At Byrd Elementary we are excited about a twenty-one percent increase in scores on the Reading Inventory (RI) assessment, administered three times during the school year to grades three through five. We are also fortunate to have three reading interventionists to support early childhood students. Teachers continue to provide a quality education which allows our students to grow and achieve academically. The school is pleased that over \$7,000 in grants will be utilized to foster student achievement.



### STUDENT COMPOSITION

- 52% Caucasian/white students
- 28% African American/black
- 15% Hispanic
- 5% other nationalities.



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Afterschool care is available each day from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday right here at our school. Primetime is operated by the YMCA and provides on-site afterschool homework help and engaging activities for our students.

## PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Parent and community involvement is always encouraged. Byrd Elementary has a highly effective School Improvement Council and a very supportive Parent Teacher Organization. We participate in WATCH D.O.G.S., a one-of-a-kind school-based, father involvement program that works to support education and safety. In addition, various civic organizations and volunteer groups lend their time and talents to support our students' success. Also, we partner with Chick-fil-a to boost our character education program.



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



At Byrd Elementary, we have a school chorus, Kids for Christ club, a Chess Club, the Good News Club and the K-Kids club sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. Also, many of our 5th grade students serve as safety patrols who assist our teachers, students, parents, and visitors in various roles throughout the school.



### MISSION

The mission of Byrd Elementary School is to provide an education by highly qualified professionals that enhances accountability, respect, and self sufficiency through research-based instructional practices, parental involvement, and community support.



### SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety of students and staff members is our top priority. Our extensive security measures include a secured entry system and automated background checks on all visitors and volunteers.



### COMMUNICATION

We utilize our school website, an automated calling system via Blackboard Connect, monthly school newsletters, social media sites, and our school marquee to communicate with the families we serve as well as our community.

