

FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE

Instructional Updates



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED
To What Matters Most

Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready & Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society



Leadership PD



- Kickoff with the Superintendent Address
- Book Study PD: Turning High Poverty Schools into High Performing Schools
- The Art of Leadership- Dr. Peters





PD Opportunities:

- Letterland 4K-3rd
- Lexia K-8
- Edgenuity 9-12
- High Achievement- Dr. Rosa Dingle, SCDE
- CERDEP Training- Mrs. Tina Duarte
- Literacy Training- Dr. Jeanne Gunther; FSD3 Instructional Coaches
- SEL Training- Dr. Commodore
- ELA Interventionists Training- Dr. Gunther; Instructional Coaches
- Math Interventionist- Mrs. Tonyelle Thomas & Mrs. Samantha Johnson
- PBL Training- Magnet Schools

STIPENDS WILL BE PAID.

Florence School District Three Presents

Professional Learning Week

Aug. 2-3: All ELA Teachers, Interventionist, Academic Intervention Assistants and Instructional Assistants

Aug. 4-5: All Interventionist ELA & Math, Academic Intervention Assistants and Social Emotional Counselors

Aug. 5: 4K CERDEP Waterford PD- Columbia, SC

Save the Dates
August 2-5
Time: TBA

"Ensuring All Students Are College or Career Ready & Productive and Responsible Members of Society"

Questions? Please contact Mary Howard 843-374-8652 or mhoward@fsd3.org



In the Spotlight

Florence School District 3's Culinary Arts Summer Orientation Program

An **inclusive** culinary arts orientation program featuring Chef La Tasha McCutchen, winner of Hell's Kitchen Season 13, concluded Friday, August 13, with a quiz bowl and cooking competition for participants.

The week-long program was an innovative collaboration between FSD3's Office of Exceptional Children and Department of Career and Technical Education to ensure that students are college or career ready. The co-teaching instructional framework was utilized by teachers Coco Floyd, Roberta Ford and Instructional Assistant Betty Eaddy to foster inclusion, access and equity.





Early Learning Opportunities



Building relationships for success!

Countdown to Kindergarten is a school transition program to prepare at-risk children for kindergarten.



The home visitation, relationship-based program is a nationally recognized model first developed by South Carolina First Steps in 2003 and has served more than 15,000 children statewide.

Each summer, new teachers are recruited, trained, and receive a small stipend for their time and travel.

In 2019, more than 200 teachers participated to serve 1,300 children across South Carolina.



ParentChild+

Equal Possibilities From The Start


PARENTCHILD+ PURPOSE

ParentChild+ uses education to break the cycle of poverty for low-income families. We engage early in life and help toddlers and their parents access a path to possibility.

What we provide isn't just early literacy. It is early opportunity. For families living in underserved communities, we are a first step on the ladder to success. Their personal booster club.

It isn't as easy as ABC. It is hard work. It is crucial work. What gets us up each morning is the inspiring thought that for every child for whom we help level the playing field, the equity gap closes a bit more and the possibilities and opportunities expand.

Our mission is urgent. Join us in ensuring that all of our children have equal possibilities from the start.



THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP STARTS EARLY AND IS DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME

Words Heard	1-on-1 Reading	Letter Recognition
45x Million	1,000-1,700 Hours	22 Letters
13 Million	26 Hours	9 Letters
■ Middle Income ■ Low Income		

40% of U.S. children enter kindergarten unprepared

PARENTCHILD+ CORE MODEL OVERVIEW

ParentChild+ is an evidence-based school readiness model that preempts the achievement gap by providing young children and their parents with learning tools and skills. The program is based on these four pillars:

- Reaching families where they are:** Families with young children receive 12 twice-weekly 30-minute visits to support healthy development and educational success.
- Building trust:** Our nationwide network of program sites hires community-based Early Learning Specialists who share a linguistic and cultural background with the families with whom they work.
- Promoting parent-child interaction:** Early Learning Specialists provide families with high-quality learning tools and guidance to stimulate parent-child interaction, develop language, early literacy, social-emotional skills, and build school readiness.
- Facilitating strong community connections:** Early Learning Specialists become trusted advisors, connecting families and home-based providers to other community resources including food, housing, medical, and educational services.




Get Ready for Waterford Upstart

Congratulations! Your child is about to begin Waterford Upstart. This at-home learning program is provided at **no cost to you**, thanks to the South Carolina Department of Education.

Why Waterford Upstart?

- Your child will learn skills at home to help them be confident and ready for school
- On average, graduates enter kindergarten reading at almost a first-grade level
- Everything you need for the program is included*
 - *Computer and internet provided to qualifying families.

But first, you need to attend your parent orientation.

Come to Your Parent Orientation

Don't miss this important meeting. You'll learn everything you need to know about Waterford Upstart so you can get the most out of this learning opportunity for your child.

Go to www.waterford.org/upstart



In the Spotlight

**30
for
30**
Reading Challenge

We are committed to 30 minutes reading in our schools.

We challenge students to read for an additional 30 minutes at home.

Reading is essential- we need our students reading fluently by the end of 1st grade.

Our challenge is to ask parents to match the 30 minutes of uninterrupted reading at home.

Reading is like exercise for our mind; just as we work on getting our body in physical shape, we must work on building our mental capacity.





Florence School District 3 Alternative Educational Programs



Back to School Updates

Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready



Florence School District 3 Alternative Educational Programs

- Panther Academy is implementing a new instructional model this school year. All alternative students will receive their instruction virtually while meeting face to face at Panther Academy.
 - Instructional Staff
 - Intervention Services
- Upgrading of Facilities
 - All projects are complete.
 - Painting, HVAC, Signage, Doors, Restroom Upgrades, Numbering of Buildings, Lighting Upgrades, Cafeteria Tables, etc...
- Panther Academy staff presented at the SC SDE Alternative School Conference On August 5, 2021.
 - "Educating African-American students in the alternative setting."
 - Various intentional strategies utilized in our program was shared.
 - The team of Melva Brown, Jerry State and Ned Blake presented.