

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing real world relevant learning experiences across all content areas, early interventions in Mathematics and Reading, enrichment opportunities for advanced students, and early exposure to career and college opportunities through career days, club days, and college visitation trips. St. Helena Elementary School is located on St. Helena Island, South Carolina and serves a Pre-K thru 5th grade student population. There are 36 full time certified faculty members that includes 26 classroom teachers. In order to provide students with as much one to one instruction as possible, our average class size is 18:1.

The need for real world learning through a unified curriculum, has become important to extending learning and making instruction relevant for students. AMES (Advanced Mathematics, Engineering, and Science) will be the school choice for St. Helena Elementary School using the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Launch K – 5 Engineering and Science Curriculum to afford students the opportunity explore and solve real world problems through English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies in the Scientific and Engineering Process. In addition, there will be a focused effort to expose students to the opportunities available to them after they graduate high school through increased fourth and fifth grade field trips to local and state colleges, monthly club days that will allow social and soft skills to develop and grow, and the continuation of the annual school wide Career Day that invites professionals and entrepreneurs from the community and county to speak to classes of students, K thru 5th grade.

Reading has been a consistent area of weakness with 54.8% percent of students performing on or above grade level. Two full time and two part time reading interventionists have worked with the children not reading on grade level. We will continue to work with students not reading on or above grade level through RTI Tier I –III Interventions, after school programs, summer reading camp, and United Way, AmeriCorp, and Adopt-A-School volunteers to extend learning and close the achievement gap. Mathematics has proven to be an area of strength for the students at St. Helena Elementary School with 61.8 % of students performing on or above grade level. A math interventionist has supported students that are within 10 points of moving to the next academic tier, based upon high stakes and benchmark assessments. We will continue work with students not performing on or above grade level in Mathematics with RTI Tier I – III Interventions, afterschool programs, and tutoring.