

2018-2019 Accomplishments

- Engaging Creative Minds Partner School
- Arts in the Basic Curriculum Grant Recipient
- MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness Grant
- Artist in Residency Program at every grade level
- 16 National Board Certified Teachers
- Awarded numerous Donor's Choose Grants
- First Tee Member
- Green School for CCSD
- 95% teacher retention rate
- Green Heart Recipients
- Host annual STEAMfest
- WISE grant recipient
- Special Olympics Participant

Ashley River Creative Arts was established in 1984 as one of the first magnet schools in Charleston County. We were created with the vision of providing an arts-integrated curriculum that would meet the needs of all children. We are very thankful for the support of the West Ashley Community for the past 35 years. Our teachers, staff, and parents have worked very hard to create an environment of excellence in education that prepares our students for the 21st century world. We continue to be a leader in Arts Education in the District, State, and Nation. Thank you for your support of our program and your children.

Ashley River Creative Arts is a member of the **Arts in the Basic Curriculum Project, South Carolina Arts Alliance** and **Palmetto State Arts Education**.

Arts Advocacy is essential to our continued success. Please join us in thanking our school board and legislators for the support they give the arts in education.

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Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School

REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2019

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In partnership with parents and community, we will provide all students the opportunity to reach their maximum potential through an arts integrated academic curriculum providing relevant, diverse, and challenging learning experiences in a safe and positive environment.



Opportunities for Students

-Multiple special areas each day including: art, music, drama, media, computers, physical education, creative movement, cultural arts

-Suzuki Violin Lessons

-Ballet

-Clubs for 4th and 5th grades including: guitar, chorus, dance troupe, uniphones, green team, community art, garden gourmet, STEAM Robotics, Yoga, Helping Hands, Pathfinders, drama troupe, creative writing

-Accelerated Reader/Digital Content

-Performances by grade levels, special needs, and clubs

-Student Council

-School Store

-Book Fairs

-Yearbook

Ashley River Creative Arts Teacher of the Year 2018

Jennifer Waldron

Student Enrollment: 615

ARCAE is a K-5 magnet school serving students who live in the West Ashley area of Charleston.

2018 SCREADY Scores

	ELA	Math
3rd Grade	79.3%	83.7%
4th Grade	82.3%	86.5%
5th Grade	77.7%	70.9%

*Percents note students who scored meet or exceeds

	Science	Social Studies
4th Grade	82.3%	N/A
5th Grade	N/A	96.1%



Special Areas

Visual Arts: exposure to art history, opportunity to work in all types of mediums including ceramics and set design.

Music: playing instruments, moving to music, creating music, and exposure to composers.

Drama: basic acting techniques, theater history, performances, puppets, improvisation, script writing.

Cultural Arts: introduction to second language, study of Spanish culture and history.

Physical Education: creative movement through fundamental movement, rhythmic movement, gymnastics, introduction to a variety of sports.

Suzuki Violin/Strings: basic Suzuki instruction with required parental/guardian involvement in grades K-3, string instruction with note reading in grades 4-5.

Ballet: dance instruction in traditional ballet.

Computer: Exposure to computer literacy at different levels including coding, STEAM, and internet safety.