



# Carolina Springs Elementary School

Caring for, Supporting and Educating Students

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

- **Motto:** “Caring for, Supporting and Educating Students ”
- **School Pledge:** I pledge to take pride in our school and to be respectful of each person who enters our doors; to unlock our minds and learn from our experiences every day, especially the ones that challenge us; to develop a character that will make our families proud and allow us to become caring, responsible and trustworthy members of our home and school communities.
- Palmetto Silver Award winner for closing the achievement gap

## *Schools of the Future — Now!*

### **LexLeads—Student Leadership Opportunities**

Carolina Springs Elementary emphasizes the importance of helping students develop leadership skills. The school offers a variety of opportunities for students to demonstrate and practice those leadership skills including flag guard, Husky TV crew, student ambassadors, Student Council and school store workers.

Township Meetings are held monthly to emphasize leadership qualities and highlight students who demonstrated great leadership in the previous month.

### **LexLearns—Student Data Notebooks**

Students use data notebooks to track their individual progress on learning targets. Teachers meet frequently with students to discuss progress and provide feedback that will help students better personalize their learning strategies.

### **LexLearns—STEM Lab**

The STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Lab allows students to experience a hands-on approach to problem-based learning activities. A place to take classroom lessons to another level, the STEM Lab provides the ideal location for students to build and explore in a science lab setting.

### **LexLearns—Fifth-Grade Related Arts Majors**

Fifth-graders declare a related arts major which allows them to focus on a concentrated area. Students can choose from six majors including Art, Chorus, Health and Wellness, Husky TV, Music Ensemble and Tech Tools.

For example, the Tech Tools Major helps students improve their 21st century skills of collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. They meet for a 150 minutes per week and spend much of their class time learning how to use technology, how to teach others to use it and how to work out any problems they might encounter. Tech Tools students learn about the latest apps and other types of media that assist in the integration of technology into instruction.

### **LexLearns—Global Orientation**

Carolina Springs Elementary utilizes Lexington One’s World Language Program and fine arts classes to help students become global in orientation through an integrated learning approach. Students complete projects and go on field trips that are representative of the school’s international theme.

### **LexLearns—Response to Intervention**

Response to Intervention is an early intervention program designed to help students achieve academic and behavioral success. Systematic instruction matched to individual student needs allows teachers to monitor students’ learning rates and/or behavioral performance over time in order to make educational decisions. The program ensures students receive additional assistance in reading, math or behavior if needed.

### **LexLearns—Student Wellness**

Students can learn to build confidence and improve their physical fitness through afterschool running clubs such as Girls on the Run and Run Hard. Teachers use school gardens to help students learn about healthy eating choices and planting, maintaining and harvesting crops while integrating science and world language standards.