



# Gilbert Elementary School

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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**Principal:** Heath Branham

**Assistant Principals:** Kim Streett and Stacy Beverly

**Grades Served:** Grades 3–5

**Student Enrollment:** 740

**Palmetto Silver Award 2017–2018**

*Empower each child to design the future.*

The mission of Gilbert Elementary School (GES) is to develop a caring community where ALL learners communicate, collaborate, create and think critically.

**All students, regardless of circumstances, advance on time, prepared to graduate and ready to enter college, the military or industry with certification.**

All students, regardless of circumstances, leave GES with the skills they need to succeed in middle school and beyond.

GES continues to work to implement a guaranteed viable curriculum across all subjects. Teachers have identified critical learning standards in reading and math that all students need to know to be successful in each grade level. This work will continue into the areas of science and social studies during the 2019–2020 school year.

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All students participate weekly in power skills lessons during Learning Clubs. These skills are also organically embedded in lessons throughout the year. Adults model these skills and celebrate students who exhibit them during the monthly student celebration luncheons.

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GES works with parents and local community partners to enhance learning for all. Our SIC and PTO support our volunteer program, mentorship program and family events. Our school parent liaison provides resources for parents and hosts monthly parent events. Weekly school messenger calls, positive notes home and parent/student surveys keep parents informed, and help GES improve and grow.

**Every adult will be equipped with the skills and resources necessary to advocate for and ensure the success of all students.**

Every adult at GES will be equipped with the skills, resources and support necessary to empower every child to be a successful learner.

GES believes that “All students are our students” and focuses on empowering each child to be a successful learner. We have summer curriculum camps where teachers delve into the standards and identify those that are critical to student success at each grade level. These standards become a focus for classroom teachers, as well as RtI, Special Education and Related Arts teachers. This focus drives our work in weekly PLCs as teachers develop smart goals, analyze data, and create targeted lesson plans. GES also partners with Columbia University’s Teachers College to provide professional development in reading and writing throughout the year.