

School Wide Programs

- Small class sizes
- Enrichment classes
- SAIL (Gifted and Talented)
- RIT Band (individualized math instruction)
- Classroom guidance and focus groups
- Parenting Workshops
- Chorus
- Studio Art
- WTMN Morning News Show
- Basketball team (boys and girls)
- Accelerated Reader
- Student Council
- Artist in Residence programs
- Strings
- K-5 Spanish
- Full time nurse
- 100% PTO participation
- Before and after school care
- 1st grade swimming program
- Local daycares provide afternoon pick up
- French Club
- Junior Tech Tigers
- Summer Programs
- Emperor's Club: Mentoring and Leadership Group



Faculty and Staff

- 100 % Highly Qualified teachers in every classroom
- Over 75% of classroom teachers have earned a Master's Degree or higher
- 13 National Board Certified Teachers

And the Award Goes To...

- US Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- Palmetto's Gold Award
- Palmetto's Silver Award
- Palmetto's Finest Regional Winner
- Exemplary Writing School Hall of Fame
- SC Environmental School of the Year
- 100 % PTO Membership for 42 years
- Gold Award for Best Total School Volunteer Program
- Educational Technology Distinguished Achievement Award
- HUG Award: Closing the Achievement Gap



Orange Grove Elementary Charter School

A Nationally Recognized School
of Excellence



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Kindergarten Registration

- Initial Registration closes December 2, 2011
- Orange Grove Elementary Charter School main office
- All residents of Charleston County are eligible to apply
- All applicants will be notified regarding their registration status by January 27, 2012

What is a Charter School?

A charter school is a public school and is funded, like all public schools, through state, local and federal tax revenues. Charter schools enjoy autonomy from the local school district and are governed by a board of directors who are elected annually by the parents and faculty of the school. Orange Grove Elementary Charter School provides a rigorous, technology rich and standards based curriculum that focuses on school needs, not district wide mandates. As a result of Orange Grove being a charter school, resources can be quickly and effectively allocated to meet the needs of our student population.



Since becoming a charter school, we have provided:

- Two full time foreign language teachers
- A technology specialist
- Additional guidance staff
- A full time school psychologist
- A certified academic assistance teacher at each grade level
- A second computer lab with a certified technology teacher
- A full time teacher coach

State of the Art Facility

- New facility is over 85,000 square feet
- Built to "Green Building" specifications
- All classrooms are 800 sf or more
- 2,400 sf state of the art Media Center
- 1,350 sf Art Room equipped with kiln and a project storage area
- 2,500 sf Multipurpose Room with a stage that can be extended to over 5,500 sf for various activities
- Adequate visitor parking
- Three playgrounds and 5 outdoor basketball goals
- Extended covered car and bus loop to ensure student safety and accessibility

Technology

- Two state of the art Computer Labs
- Over 400 computers
- SMART Boards in every room including Special Areas, and Academic Assistance
- Each classroom is outfitted with 4 student computer work stations, a DVD player, a sound enhancement system, a telephone, and a digital document projector



Kindergarten

- 10:1 student to teacher ratio (certified teacher and classroom assistant)
- 2 additional certified teachers for academic assistance tailored to meet the individual needs of Kindergarten students
- All Kindergarten through second grade classes will remain on the first floor for the entire day
- Separate color coded Kindergarten wing
- Kindergarten rooms exceed 1,000 sf
- Covered porches outside each classroom
- Foreign Language instruction
- Separate fenced in Early Childhood playground with a tricycle track and age appropriate playground equipment
- Restrooms, water fountains, refrigerators and sink in each classroom
- Social and developmental centers
- Discovery learning through kinesthetic instruction
- Experiential learning opportunities

