



OUR VISION & MISSION

Southside Elementary School will be an exemplary educational community of lifelong learners grounded in a legacy of academic excellence and citizenship.

We exist to educate and ensure high levels of learning for ALL students!

PRINCIPAL

Dr. Allison Foster

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Kent Miller



SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

Southside Elementary School opened its doors in 1926. With almost 100 years of rich history, we remain focused on one thing, the success of ALL students. Our school culture is defined by a strong sense of community. Our students, teachers, and families are dedicated to remaining one of the top-performing schools in Sarasota County. Our entire staff is committed to providing high-quality instructional experiences to ensure high achievement for all students. We work collaboratively to meet the needs of all students.

With the generous support of our parent and community organizations, we offer many enrichment activities to support our instructional goals. All students on campus participate in performing arts and attend a weekly Spanish lesson. We host events with local arts organizations (Sarasota Opera, Asolo Theatre, Ringling Museum, Sarasota Art Museum, etc.) to provide as much experiential learning as possible for our students.

Southside Elementary has been an "A" ranked school by the Florida Department of Education, since the inception of school grades. We have also earned the distinction as a Florida School of Excellence. Our student achievement scores exceed local and state levels annually. We are a community of life-long learners (students and staff) focused on leaving a legacy of academic excellence.



**EVERY STUDENT.
EVERY DAY!**

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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

ADVANCED WORK CLASSROOMS (GRADES K-5)

Southside Elementary School challenges every student to do their best. We use data-based decision-making to support the needs of all students and enrich our highest-performing students who have already mastered grade-level standards.

SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS (SSFA)

The Southside School Foundation for the Arts ensures cultural and enrichment learning opportunities to all Southside students at every grade level. Learning through and about ALL the arts in an elementary setting is an essential part of a complete education.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The Southside Elementary PTO is dedicated to supporting and strengthening the Southside community by enhancing the educational experience of our students and providing resources directly to our teachers and school. Each year our dedicated team of parent volunteers works hard to meet the needs of Southside's students and faculty. Teacher development support, equipment for STEM programs, school equipment, and several community-building events are only a few examples of how PTO gives back.



SCHOOL GARDEN AND GREEN TEAM

This program organizes the planting, maintenance, and harvesting of Southside's Garden. Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers our entire school is enriched educationally through this platform. The Garden is used as a tool for teachers and volunteer parents to create experiential learning in and out of the classroom from the plants and vegetables these classrooms grow.



STUDENT COUNCIL

This unique program provides opportunities for our older students to develop leadership skills in the school and the community. Activities include fundraisers, food drives, community organization donations, school-wide events, etc. Students meet monthly to discuss campus concerns and problem-solve solutions.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE- SPANISH (GRADES K-5)

Students in all classes receive 30 minutes per week of Spanish instruction. These lessons consist of basic language exposure and cultural connections.

PERFORMING ARTS

All students receive performing arts instruction as part of our specials rotation. This course includes dance, drama, and public speaking components. Our SSFA produces one junior Broadway performance per year for students in 4th and 5th. Southside also offers two other performances, one for K/1st and one for 2nd/3rd.



AN A-RATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS IN FEBRUARY FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR.