General Information

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Principal: Jessica Orleans
Grades served: PK,0K,01,02,03,SE
Enrollment: 187
Shared Space: Yes
Admissions methods: Zoned School

Student Demographics
Asian: 31% | Black: 9% | Hispanic: 17% | White: 41%
English Language Learners: 16%
Student with Special Needs: 24%

Staff Experience
Years of principal experience at this school: 2.9
% of teachers with 3 or more years of experience: 47%

Attendance
Student Attendance: 94% (City: 95%)
Students Chronically Absent: 12% (City: 13%)
Teacher Attendance: 98%

Parents and Teachers Say...

93% of parents say that this school offers a wide enough variety of courses, extracurricular activities, and services to keep their child interested in school (City: 91%)

98% of parents say that they are satisfied with the education their child received this year (City: 97%)

100% of teachers say that they would recommend their school to parents seeking a place for their child (City: 91%)

Performance on State Tests
ELA State Tests (3rd grade): 68% met State standards (City: 43% | District: 72%)
Math State Tests (3rd grade): 64% met State standards (City: 46% | District: 76%)

The River School (02M281)
2016–17 School Quality Snapshot / Early Childhood School

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Research shows that schools strong in the six areas are far more likely to improve student learning.
### Rigorous Instruction

Curriculum and instruction are designed to engage students, foster critical thinking skills, and are aligned to the Common Core.

**Quality Review**

1. How interesting and challenging is the curriculum?
   - City: 99%
2. How effective is the teaching and learning?
   - City: 99%
3. How well does the school assess what students are learning?
   - City: 99%

**Survey**

- 100% responded positively to questions about Rigorous Instruction
- City: 87%

**Selected Questions**

- 100% of teachers say they had the resources to include opportunities for reading and writing grounded in evidence from text (City: 97%)
- 100% of teachers say they had the resources to include opportunities for developing students’ conceptual, procedural, and applied skills in math (City: 97%)

### Collaborative Teachers

Teachers participate in opportunities to develop, grow, and contribute to the continuous improvement of the school community.

**Quality Review**

1. How well do teachers work with each other?
   - City: 100%
2. How well are teachers developed and evaluated?
   - City: 91%

**Survey**

- 100% responded positively to questions about Collaborative Teachers
- City: 91%

**Selected Questions**

- 100% of teachers say that teachers at this school work together to design instructional programs (City: 94%)
- 100% of teachers say that they have opportunities to work productively with colleagues in their school (City: 93%)
- 100% of teachers say that teachers feel responsible that all students learn (City: 94%)

### Supportive Environment

The school establishes a culture where students feel safe, challenged to grow, and supported to meet high expectations.

**Quality Review**

1. How clearly are high expectations communicated to students and staff?
   - City: 100%
2. How safe and inclusive is the school?
   - City: 100%

**Survey**

- 100% responded positively to questions about Supportive Environment
- City: 89%

**Selected Questions**

- 100% of teachers say that students are safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria (City: 98%)
- 100% of teachers say that adults at this school teach students how to advocate for themselves (City: 89%)
- 100% of teachers say that their students feel it is important to come to school every day (City: 94%)

### Less Restrictive Environment

Movement of students with special needs to less restrictive environments

- City: 89%
## Effective School Leadership

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<td>100% of teachers say that curriculum, instruction, and learning materials are well coordinated across different grade levels (City: 93%)</td>
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<td>How well does the school make decisions?</td>
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### Selected Questions

- **Effective School Leadership**
- **Survey**: 99%
- **Selected Questions**: 100% of teachers say that the principal communicates a clear vision for this school (City: 96%).
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- **Survey**: 99%
- **Selected Questions**: 99% of parents say that they have communicated with their child’s teacher about their child’s performance (City: 96%).
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## Strong Family-Community Ties

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### Selected Questions

- **Trust**
- **Survey**: 97%
- **Selected Questions**: 88% of teachers say that they trust the principal (City: 89%).
- **Survey**: 100%
- **Selected Questions**: 100% of teachers say that they trust each other (City: 91%).
- **Survey**: 99%
- **Selected Questions**: 99% of parents say that school staff work hard to build trusting relationships with them (City: 96%).