

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SAU #12, LONDONDERRY, NH
School Information Sheet
South Londonderry Elementary School



Sending Schools: Moose Hill School and Private Kindergartens

Location: 88 South Road, Londonderry, NH 03053

Web Address: www.londonderry.org/south

Hours: 8:50 AM – 3:05 PM

Enrollment: 474

Motto: "Giving Wings to Children's Dreams"

Phone: 603-432-6956

Grades: 1-5

Mascot: Hawk

Colors: Blue and White

Average Class Size: 22

Building Personnel: 92 (Administrators, teachers, support staff, health professionals, custodial and food services)

Principal: Linda Boyd; **Assistant Principal:** Chelsea Hunnewell

Facilities Profile: South school is a 70,938 sq. ft. building consisting of 32 classroom spaces, a library media center, gymnasium, cafeteria and a multi-purpose room. The school sits on 20.5 acres with the playground area and all purpose field using approximately 6 of those acres.

Learning Environment: South School offers a variety of instructional programs designed to meet individual student needs. We also provide remedial reading and math support as well as enrichment programs at all grade levels. Instructional assistance is provided on a daily basis to teachers for reading and as needed in other curricular areas. This assistance helps us to create smaller "learning communities" in the classroom. It also enables the use of flexible grouping practices in the areas of reading and mathematics.

Mission Statement: South School's mission is to provide all our students with the vision, and skills and knowledge necessary to maximize their individual potential. Central to this accomplishment is the collaboration among all shareholders and disciplines so that students can become contributing members of society and appreciate that learning is a life-long process.

Special Programs: We provide many opportunities for students to grow and develop their varied talents including: Enrichment Programs, Before/After School Programs, Nationally Recognized School Library Program, Blue Ribbon Volunteer Program, Artist in Residence Program, Annual Art Show, Annual Drama Production, Annual Talent Show, Sum+It Math Program, and Wee Deliver Program.

Music: General Music classes are held for all students on a weekly basis. There is an Instrumental Band Program for Grade 5, an Orchestra Program and a Choral Program for students in Grades 4-5, and a String Ensemble Program. Performance members participate in a variety of programs including winter and spring concerts, Memorial Day Parade Program and other special activities.

Special Education: The Special Education Department offers an array of services designed to meet the specific needs of individual students with disabilities. Referrals to Special Education can be made through the RTI (Response to Interventions) process and by teachers, parent(s), guidance counselors and/or others working with the student. Eligibility for Special Education is determined through a team process with a review of measurements of academic and functional achievement and cognitive profile, classroom performance, teacher and parent input and a determination of the need for specialized instruction. If eligibility criteria are met, a case manager is assigned, an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) is developed and the supports and services needed by the student are implemented and monitored to ensure successful access to the general curriculum. Placement is determined by the IEP team to ensure programming in the least restrictive environment.

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Guidance/Counseling: Counselors are available for our student population at South School when developmental challenges occur, as well as being a support system in dealing with issues from divorce, alcohol and or drug dependency, death of a loved one, or difficult peer relationships. Their goal is to help children grow academically while giving support and education related to these issues. Referrals to the guidance department may come from students, parents and teachers.

Library Media Program: The Library Media Center provides a comprehensive collection of resources to support the curriculum, promote an appreciation of reading, and develop information literacy skills. Additionally, the Library Media Specialist works collaboratively with teachers to develop projects that reinforce these skills. As of 6/30/14, the collection includes: 17,863 circulating items; 405 reference volumes; four electronic data base subscription services and 25 periodical subscriptions. Presently, there are ten library computers available to support teaching and learning as well as a variety of other audio-visual and technology resources.

Technology Resources: Computers with internet access for instructional use are located in the classrooms and in the Library Media Center. Additionally, four mobile labs of 25 computers each are available for classroom use. Technology skills and benchmarks are integrated into the curriculum. Interactive white boards are also available to support classroom and information literacy instruction which serve to enrich shared learning experiences. The first grade and second grade classrooms are currently participating in an iPad pilot to assess their efficacy and appropriateness in the elementary grade levels.

PE/Athletics: All of our students receive weekly PE instruction focusing on fitness, safety, and good sportsmanship. Fifth grade students participate in a district wide Cross Country Program, which culminates in a Londonderry Cross Country Race attended by fifth grade students from the three elementary schools. We also have an extensive intramural program for all grade levels.

Parent Involvement: South School has a very active Parent/Teacher Association. The PTA facilitates our mission statement by providing a variety of learning and extra-curricular programming. Volunteers are welcome and necessary to support our instructional programs. The PTA typically meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

Activities: South School students are able to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities, including:

- Destination ImagiNation
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Apprentice Gardeners
- Drama Club
- Photography Club
- Cross Country Team
- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus
- Sum+It Math
- Art Club
- Jump Rope Club
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- People to Paws
- Images of Greatness
- Reflections
- Library Club

History: South School was built in 1978 as a 26 classroom building to house approximately 500–550 students in grades Readiness through six. Eight portable classrooms were added to the original core facility in order to accommodate a larger student population. A full size gymnasium and two new bathrooms were added in 1997. In December 2008, a renovation/addition project was completed and the portable classrooms were removed.