



**CCSD's Choice Application:
Applying to Orange Grove Elementary
Charter School
For the 2010-2011 Academic Year**



**About Orange Grove Elementary
Charter School**

Orange Grove has been recognized for its excellence both on a state and national level. It has received several prestigious awards, which include the National Blue Ribbon Award for Exemplary Schools from the U.S. Department of Education; the SC Palmetto's Finest Award; Exemplary Writing School; Palmetto Gold; and the Environmental School of the Year. Incentive Reward funds totaling over \$264,000 were received from the SC Department of Education for outstanding test scores over a period of twelve years.

Orange Grove's curriculum overflows with innovative, motivational techniques for instructing children of all different ability levels. We strive to create a learning environment, which will challenge and stimulate all students so that maximum learning will occur. Effective instructional programs enhance our curriculum, along with an emphasis on writing, hands-on math and science activities, and literature.

The world of technology comes alive for our students with three networked computer labs, SMART Boards, and PC's in all the classrooms. Strong parental support and active involvement have been key ingredients in the success of Orange Grove. Our PTO has had 100% membership for the past 41 years. Twenty business education partners also support our school with their time and resources.

Charter schools are publicly funded schools that are run by independent boards of parents and community members. Orange Grove Elementary converted to a charter in 2006. As our students enter their new school, we want them to remember that they are our "LEARNERS TODAY - LEADERS TOMORROW!"

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

- Parents/guardians should submit the attached Part A and Part B to the school by **December 4, 2009**. All mailed applications must be postmarked by this date. Please keep this page for your records.
- If contact or student information changes, parents are responsible for contacting the school and making those changes.
- This application should only be completed for students who live in the Charleston County School District's attendance area. Please call (843) 763-1520 if you have questions; or visit our website at www.ccsdschools.com.
- Application materials may be hand delivered, faxed to (843) 769-2245, or mailed to 1225 Orange Branch Road, Charleston SC, 29407.

**ORANGE GROVE ELEMENTARY CHARTER
SCHOOL'S
APPLICATION &
SELECTION PROCESS**

Date	Application Step
Monday November 2, 2009	Applications available online and at school.
Tuesday November 10, 2009 6:30pm	PTO meeting at OGECS: All students interested in applying and their parents are encouraged to attend.
Saturday November 14, 2009	District-Wide Choice Fair for Students & Parents
Friday, December 4, 2009	Applications MUST be postmarked or received by 4:00 p.m. to be included in the OGECS selection process.
Tuesday January 12, 2010	Lottery held at OGECS.
Tuesday January 19, 2010	Letters indicating selection status issued to all applicants who applied by the deadline.
Monday February 1, 2010	Students selected for admission must notify school regarding their decisions.