Core Beliefs:
We believe that:

★ Every child can and will learn with engaging instruction and support.
★ School must provide safe, healthy, and pleasant environments.
★ All students deserve superior educators.
★ Students in all schools must be challenged to reach their highest potential - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.
★ Students need cutting-edge resources, including technology, and must know how to use them.
★ Diversity is to be respected and celebrated.
★ All stakeholders are accountable in all aspects of the educational experience.
★ All students must be prepared to function in a global society.

Mission:
The mission of the Florence City Schools and Harlan Elementary School is to:
★ Set high expectations.
★ Provide equal educational access for diverse learners.
★ Maintain a safe, orderly environment that is intellectually challenging and physically, emotionally, and socially stimulating.
★ Develop healthy, productive citizens adept in academic and life skills who are accepting of themselves and others.
★ Ensure that students are environmentally aware, technically competent, and capable of lifelong learning.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead