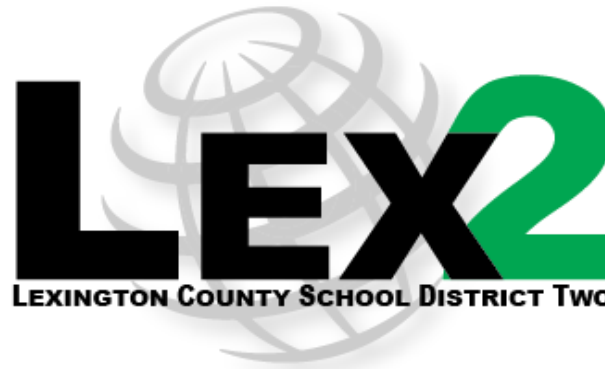


STAR Mission

In collaboration with Lexington County First Steps, our community and our Lexington Two school families, the **STAR** Family Partnership will prepare children to enter school ready to learn and strengthen connections between families and schools in order to empower our youngest learners to achieve success.



Lexington School
District Two
STAR
Family Partnership
Starting Together...
Arriving Ready

Our Vision
Encourage, Enlighten, Empower

Why we do what we do:

Children are born to learn, and they learn the most from the people they love the most, their parents. Research shows that children's brains develop more in the first three years of life than at any other time. All parents want their children to be successful. The **STAR** Family Partnership of Lexington Two partners with families to build strong foundations for learning for their children.

Our Goals:

- Strengthen families
- Empower parents as their children's first and most important teachers
- Support positive growth and development of children
- Prepare children to enter school
- Build positive connections between families and schools

Champions for Children Lexington School District Two Our Mission

In collaboration with our community, as "Champions for Children," Lexington Two will provide superior educational experiences, empowering all students to achieve their highest potential.



Located at
Lexington Two
Community Education
Center
114 Hook Avenue
West Columbia, SC
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803-926-5743

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Parents as Teachers® Model Affiliate

The **STAR** Family Partnership of Lexington Two has a staff of nationally trained parent educators who follow the nationally recognized Parents As Teachers (PAT) model that believes:

- Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.
- The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life.
- Established and emerging research should be the foundation of parent education and family support curricula, training, materials and services.
- All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic, or economic considerations.
- An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families.

Services are offered to Lexington Two families who have children prenatal through school entry.

What We Offer:

PAT Home Visits- Home visits are planned and provided based on your family's needs and may include the use of games, toys, books, and household items that are age appropriate for your child.

Helpful information-Excellent handouts and discussions help answer your parenting and child development questions.

Support -Support, encouragement and assistance in connecting to community resources are provided.

Screenings -Screenings are used to monitor your child's development. Referrals are made when needed for hearing, vision, speech and other areas of development.

Playgroup- Parents and their children may be invited to join in weekly playgroups to make new friends and participate in enriching activities.

Group Connections- You will be invited to attend special STAR family events and various events within the Lexington Two Schools.

Space is limited so contact the **STAR** Family Partnership at 926-5743 for more information and to determine which parenting services best fit your family's needs.



STAR services are free.

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"All children bring to school what they learn at home."
Rosemary Wells