



SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Report to the Parents 2023-24

A letter from the Principal



At Sullivan Middle School, our vision is to create a vibrant school culture that fosters academic excellence in a safe and inclusive environment; we accomplish this vision through providing a high-quality education which is designed based on the International Baccalaureate standards and character traits, in addition to our Dual Language Immersion program. As an IB World School, we believe in providing a high-quality education in a safe and inclusive learning environment by acknowledging and embracing students' diverse needs, learning styles, and strengths. We create learning experiences where students can practice

the IB Learner Profile by being inquirers, balanced, principled, knowledgeable, risk takers, communicators, open minded, caring, and

reflective.

Sullivan Middle School's faculty and Staff are enthusiastic about teaching and learning, and we know that through working together as a team of faculty, students, parents, and community members that Sullivan Middle School will help your child grow academically and as a world citizen. Through 2023-2024, we had three main goals to help our students thrive. Our first goal centered on maintaining the safety of the learning environment. Secondly, our teachers and staff worked collaboratively in Professional Learning

Communities to create learning experiences designed to engage and grow students academically. Our third goal focused on growing our school and community relationships and creating lifelong partnerships with stakeholders that allow us to academically, socially, and emotionally support our students. Sullivan Middle School teachers and staff remain committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and



academically challenging learning environment where all

students achieve success.

Jacqueline Persinski
Principal

SIC 2023-2024 Members

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School Improvement Council Goals

Goal 1: Climate

Social Calendar (Students)

This year, the administration has been proactive in organizing school-wide and grade-wide social events, such as family nights, dances, and pep rallies. The formation of a new Student Council has empowered students to take on leadership roles and contribute to decision-making. Additionally, increased field trips have provided opportunities for students to build relationships beyond the school building, fostering a more connected and engaged school community.



At Sullivan, student feedback speaks volumes: over 85% feel their teachers prioritize their academic success and greatly influence their learning. Even more impressively,

over 90% believe their teachers have unwavering faith in their ability to learn and achieve at a high level. These numbers underscore the positive and supportive learning environment fostered by the dedicated educators at Sullivan.

Communication (Parents)

The communication efforts at Sullivan have reached new heights with a weekly parent newsletter sent out by teams and the school, complemented by social media updates, texts, phone calls, and website updates. Not stopping there, the School Improvement Council (SIC) has innovated further by introducing a Parent to Parent monthly update, derived from the discussions held in their monthly meetings. This comprehensive approach ensures that parents are informed and engaged partners in their children's education.



The Teacher Shadow Program initiative by the SIC, where parents shadow teachers to understand their day, was a hit. Reflecting together led to plans for a fall expansion, showing a commitment to collaboration and support with parents and teachers.



Morale and Appreciation (Teachers)

This year, the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) at Sullivan experienced increased participation, allowing them to concentrate on a specific goal: ensuring teachers feel valued and

appreciated year-round. Their efforts demonstrate a commitment to supporting the school needs beyond traditional avenues, highlighting the importance of recognizing and uplifting educators for their dedication and hard work. This was done through special treats and lunch events once a month. The PTO also helped to plan, support and implement special events such as school dances, school fundraisers and special event nights.

Goal 2: Achievement- Math Scores Improvement

Sullivan's initiative to start an after-school tutoring program demonstrates a proactive approach to supporting students' academic needs. By opening the program to all students and also identifying those who might benefit most, Sullivan is ensuring that no one falls through the cracks. Encouraging participation is



also key—it shows that Sullivan is not only providing resources but also actively promoting a positive learning environment. This kind of dedication can make a significant difference in students' educational journeys and overall success.

Outstanding Features and Programs

MYP-International Baccalaureate Program

Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program

French Dual Language Immersion Program

Spanish and French language classes

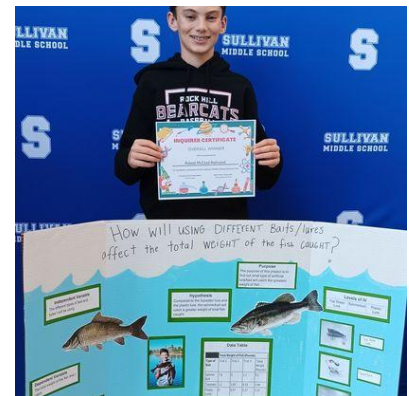
Winthrop University Professional Development Partner School



Sullivan Glows & Grows

Sports awards

- Wrestling back-to-back State Champions
- Girls Basketball team finished first in the division
- A new girls' wrestling team was created and placed 3rd in the state!
- VolleyBall Conference Champions
- 7th grade Boys Basketball conference champions
- Track, boys 2nd in conference and girls 3rd
- Studnet - BMX International World Cup Top Ten



Academics awards

- MathCounts Team Region Champs
- National History Day winners
- Science Fair winners
- Academic Challenge Team
- Battle of the Books winners
- World Language Competition winners
- Student - accepted in Governor's School for the Arts

More Clubs

- Culture Club
- Yearbook Committee



- Honor Society: Les Jeunes Amis du Français or National Junior French Honor Society
- Kappa League
- Sisters SOAR
- Student Council was formed creating leadership from the students
- Art Club

Arts

- The chorus received a Superior rating at the Carowinds Festival of Music
- 5 Student Winners at District Teachers Choice Art Show
- Chorus enrollment numbers increased by 60% this year!
- Theater SC Theatre Association's Theatre for Youth competition 5 awards, and one group acting award.
- 16 District Honor Band Members selected
- 6 Region 3 Honor Band Members selected
- Honor Band received a Superior Rating with Distinction at Concert Performance Assessment
- Arts Department performed and presented at the Sullivan Black History Month program
- Night of the Arts held April 30...a community and celebratory event for all students in the arts



Community

- Students observed Winthrop's Model UN Competition
- Winthrop students worked with the Culture Club
- DLI students visited high school language classes on Winthrop's campus
- Junior Civitans
- Beta Club - will inducting 100 studnets for next year and 110 active members who served 1100+ hours in the community

In the Classroom

- 13 International Faculty Members



- Teachers received grants from the Rock Hill Schools Education Foundation
- Improvement in the behavior seen in and outside of the classrooms by students
- Jr. Civitians continued to link Sullivan and the community
- Holiday Celebrations and Dances

Looking Forward

- 63% of students believe that teachers value and monitor social and emotional health, so we want to see increased support for all students' mental wellness and attitude towards others. Caring for ones self and others
- Exploring the expansion of the Tutoring Program
- Leader in Me program
- Community Partnerships



Community Partnerships

- Oakland Baptist Church
- NAMI
- 100% RHS grants
- Winthrop University
- Elevation Church
- Harris Teeter
- Publix
- Rock Hill Schools Education Foundation



Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Sullivan School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.” For more information, you may view Sullivan’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.”