

Our Mission

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle allows students to excel independently in a nurturing and peaceful environment equipping them with skills to succeed in their future.

Our Vision

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle is an authentic Montessori community encouraging independence, individuality, and the growth of the whole-child within a peaceful environment.

TCS Facts

Enrollment

165 students

Early Childhood

3-year-olds, 4-year-olds & Kindergarten *Multi-age*

Lower Elementary

1st & 2nd grade *Multi-age*

Tuition-based program

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle has FULL day programs for 3 and 4-year-olds. The preschool program is tuition-based with several payment options available.



The Children's School at Sylvia Circle was named Most Improved School for 2016 in the National Division.

2016-2017 School Improvement Council (SIC)

P. Holmes, *Chair (2015-2017)*
V. Fulcher, *Parent (2016-2018)*
S. Spain, *Parent (2016-2018)*
M. Smith, *Parent (2016-2018)*
J. Hayes, *Parent (2016-2018)*
T. Herring, *Parent (2016-2018)*
S. Murray, *Parent (2016-2018)*
T. Spain, *Faculty (2016-2018)*
E. Rowell, *Faculty*
J. Jones, *Ex. Officio*
R. Murphy, *Community Member*
P. Sutton, *Community Member*

2016-2017 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Officers

Melody Aylestock,
President
Brittany Kelly,
Vice President
Kendra Sherer,
Treasurer
Charmaine Berry,
Secretary

Teacher Liaison:
Heather Turner

Administrative Liaison:
Jacqueline Jones

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by The Children's School at Sylvia Circle's 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.



The Children's School at Sylvia Circle

Rock Hill School District 3

2016-2017 Annual Report to Parents

*"Montessori is an education for independence,
preparing not just for school, but for life."
~Maria Montessori*



Jacqueline G. Jones, Principal

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What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

What Are Our Current School Goals?

- Student Achievement: To increase Math and ELA student achievement
- Teacher/Administrator Quality: To build teacher capacity in Montessori and Literacy instruction.
- School Climate: To increase parental involvement, improve student behavior and promote healthy eating and lifestyles for all.

How Are We Achieving Our Goals?

Current/Ongoing Strategies:

- Montessori professional development using American Montessori Society Webinars and State Montessori trainers
- Marketing of Montessori Program via social media and other communication venues
- Monthly ELA, Math and data meetings and professional development with district/school coaches and administration
- Expand classroom libraries to foster daily independent reading with conferencing
- Develop and use common assessments in Math and ELA to analyze student data, inform instruction, and measure growth
- Tasty Tuesday to encourage healthy snacks and weekly healthy eating tips in school newsletter
- Events planned throughout the school year to increase parental and family involvement
- Professional development and strategies provided for handling students with difficult behaviors including school-wide education



Why Montessori?

From birth, children have an instinctive desire to learn. They love to touch, taste, smell, and experience the world around them. Montessori believes that the learning process involves engaging all of a child's senses. Research supports what Montessori teachers have known all along about how children learn best. Each new study on brain development and the neuroscience of learning confirm that the methods and materials of a Montessori classroom richly support the rapid growth years of birth through age twelve. Our learning materials and lessons aim to cultivate an already present love of learning that fosters curiosity, explorations, and inquiry. Our classrooms are designed to experience learning as a never-ending path, instead of a series of intermittent destinations.

Build on the Rock... New Montessori School

The only public Montessori school in Rock Hill will have a new home in January 2018 after the completion of a new facility that is being built on the campus of Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School. A committee of parents, teachers, and administrators have worked in partnership with Charlotte-based LS3P Architects to purposefully design a facility that is tailor-made for the unique needs of a Montessori learning experience.

Current Project Estimate: \$8 million
Groundbreaking Ceremony: February 24, 2017
Projected Completion: January 2018
Project Renderings:

