

JERRY ZUCKER MIDDLE SCHOOL SIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2025-2026

Every student. Every day.
No exceptions. No excuses.



SIC MEMBERS

Chair

Shannon Ingram, Parent

Elected

Marian Gathers, Teacher

Telisha Taylor, Parent

Carie Tyndall, Teacher

Appointed

Jessica Haynes, Community
Member

Deontay Thompson, Community
Member

Ex-Officio

Chris Haynes, Principal
Shorace Guider, Asst. Principal



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS

- By June 2026, decrease the percent of students that are chronically absent from 30.2% to 26.6%.
- By June 2026, increase the percent of all students scoring Meets or Exceeds on SC Ready ELA from 34% to 34.3%, and 13.1% to 35.2% for African American students.
- By June 2026, increase the percent of students scoring Meets or Exceeds on SC Ready Math from 15.2% to 25.4% for all students, and 15.5% for students with disabilities.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

On the 2024-2025 SC State Report Card, we received an overall score of average. For more information, please visit: <https://screportcards.com/>

- Current Enrollment- 477

Our Programs:

- High School Credit Courses- English 1, Geometry, Biology, Spanish, and Discovering Computer Science
- Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, and Track teams
- E-Sports Team
- STEAM Makerspace
- Communities in Schools
- Parent Events including Muffins with My Fave, Donuts for Grown-ups
- Food Pantry for students in need

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SIC GOALS

By June 2026, decrease the percent of students that are chronically absent from 30.2% to 26.6%.

- Created an attendance team comprised of various staff members with a goal of being proactive regarding student attendance
- Incentivized bringing excuse notes in a timely manner
- We have decreased our chronic absenteeism to 24.5%

By June 2026, increase the percent of all students scoring Meets or Exceeds on SC Ready ELA from 34% to 28.1%, and 13.1% to 34.2% for African American students.

- Targeted after-school tutoring
- i-Ready pathway during flex period
- Reading Intervention

By June 2026, increase the percent of students scoring Meets or Exceeds on SC Ready Math from 15.2% to 25.4% for all students, and 15.5% for students with disabilities.

- Targeted after-school tutoring
- Flex period includes two days of math instruction with students grouped by i-Ready instructional level
- Targeted small group instruction for students in the bottom 20% of achievement
- Addition of math intervention teacher



If you would like to serve as a part of our School Improvement Council, please contact Carie Tyndall at Carie_Tyndall@charlestoncountyschools.gov or by calling the school at 843-676-8383.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stakeholders,

At Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science, we proudly serve our families and scholars by developing the essential skills needed for college and career readiness, as outlined in the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate. We offer a rigorous academic program across all core subjects, complemented by a variety of engaging exploratory courses. Our scholars also have the opportunity to earn high school credits in English I, Geometry, Biology, Spanish, and Discovering Computer Science.

To ensure every scholar is supported, we provide targeted interventions for those needing additional growth in literacy and numeracy. These supports include intervention-based exploratory classes and structured flex periods that combine digital learning platforms with direct instruction to strengthen foundational skills. In addition, we implement a social-emotional learning curriculum that promotes character development, helping scholars build strong interpersonal skills, take responsibility, persevere through challenges, and develop self-regulation.

We understand that preparing scholars for success in a global economy requires more than academic excellence. Our commitment to educating the whole child remains a top priority. This includes providing trauma-informed support services—an area we will continue to expand in the coming school year.

Strong community partnerships are essential to our mission. We are proud to collaborate with corporate, faith-based, and civic organizations, as well as the United States Air Force. This year, our partners include Topgolf, The Curry Law Firm, the Lowcountry Food Bank, and Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. These partnerships create meaningful opportunities that help our scholars grow into world-class learners.

At Zucker, we believe every scholar has limitless potential. With an exceptional staff, dedicated community support, and a deep commitment to student well-being, we will continue to provide a rigorous academic experience alongside the personalized supports each scholar needs to thrive.

We are honored to serve our scholars each day and look forward to strengthening the partnership between home and school as we work together to prepare every scholar to become a world-class citizen.

Regards,
Chris Haynes, Principal