

2022-2023 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO PARENTS



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This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments during the 2022-2023 school year.

Our School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements, challenges, and successes during the school year, and reports the progress to our school family of students, parents, teachers, and our community. At Port Royal Elementary School, we believe in Staying On COURSE until we reach our destination—EXCELLENCE!

2022-2023 SIC Goals

Academic Growth for all students.

Increase Community Support.

ACADEMIC DATA

SC READY

	May 2021	May 2022
ELA	32%	47%
Math	29%	37%
Science	43%	50%

*% OF STUDENTS SCORING MEETS OR EXCEEDS

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	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023
Reading K-2*	NA	75%	
Reading 3-5	35%	53%	48%
Math K-2	58%	70%	
Math 3-5	30%	40%	31%

*% OF STUDENTS SCORING AT OR ABOVE THE 50TH PERCENTILE



HIGHLIGHTS

Title I funds supported students ability to go on field trips this year to experience learning outside the classroom:
 PK-Dempsey Strawberry Farm, Beaufort
 K- SC Aquarium, Charleston
 1st-EdVenture, Columbia
 2nd-RIVERBANKS Zoo, Columbia
 3rd-Charlestowne Landing, Charleston
 4th-SC State House & Planetarium, Columbia
 5th-Camp Leopold, Pinewood
 -Mighty 8th Airforce Museum, Pooler
 -Beaufort Air Show, Beaufort

Students were immersed in hands-on activities, projects, and projects that build upon each other and relate to the real world through Project Lead the Way (PLTW.)

Our PK-K teachers integrate the Purposeful Play Based key elements of wonder, exploration/inquiry, and student centered learning and development. Through purposefully planned play, our students are able to strengthen executive functioning skills including self-motivation, empathy, recognizing their emotions and how to regulate them, negotiation, goal setting, and confidence to try new things and take risks in their learning. Teachers create safe spaces in which students can play together as a community of learners using different forms of communication to make decisions, grasp concepts using developmentally appropriate materials, and develop sense making around learning objectives prescribed by the district and state.

2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

During the 2022-2023 school year The School Improvement Council unanimously supported maintaining the goal focused on academic growth through intentional data tracking and differentiated instruction to ensure all students were given the opportunity to reach their potential and facilitate academic growth for all students. Action steps toward this goal included weekly data chats with teachers in professional learning communities, continued use of interventionists and tutors to work with students in small groups and monitor student progress, and professional development by academic coaches for teachers in content-specific curriculum and social-emotional skills. The adoption of Project Lead the Way provided a way for students to engage in real-world project-based experiences such as Robotics & Automation, Organisms: Structures & Functions, and Living Things: Diversity of Life.

The second goal of the School Improvement Council was to increase parent and community support of Port Royal Elementary School. Parent volunteer applications increased this year as a result of the SIC's efforts to encourage parents to find ways to support our school.

Parents showed up to chaperone on field trips and our annual field day had record numbers of parent volunteers. Our three family engagement night events (STEM, literacy, and math) brought families to the school to celebrate academics and learn how to support their child at home. In addition, community support increased resulting in over 25 local organizations participating in our annual Career Fair, large donations from two local businesses (Ace Hardware & Lowes) to support our health & wellness initiative, and ongoing donations to support recognition of our staff and students.

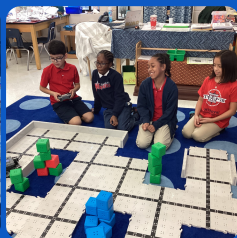
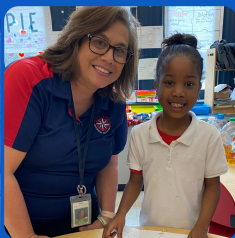
Vision

Port Royal Mariners build a community where everyone is respectful, responsible, engaged, and well-rounded.

Mission

Our mission is to educate, empower, and engage students through:

- cooperation and communication,
- community involvement,
- challenging & innovative curriculum,
- social & emotional development,
- safe & inclusive environment.



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