



Achievements

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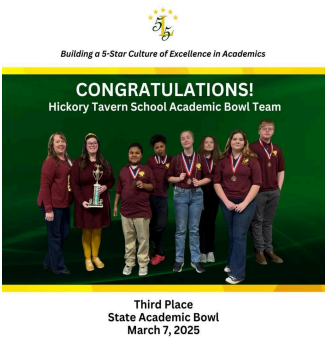
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| *Citizenship Awards | *Michelin STEM Challenge |
| *District Superintendent’s Writing Award | * SC Junior Scholar |
| *Duke Talent Identification Program | * Algebra Award |
| *Honor Roll | *Woodman of the World History Award |
| *Patriot’s Pen Essay Winners | *Athletic Awards |
| *DARE Awards | *Handwriting Award |
| | *Jr Honor Society |

Faculty/Staff

- Toni Hunter - Support Staff of the Year
- Cassandra Gaines- Teacher of the Year

School

- Academic Team- Third Place in State, First Place in Region, and First Place for WPEC



Opportunities for Involvement

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| *Volunteers | *Athletic Events | *Mentors |
| *School Success Night | *Meet the Teacher | *Parent Academy |
| *Pi Festival | *Literacy Spooktacular | *Community Readers |
| *Reading All Stars | *Fine Arts Performances | *Someone Special Events |

2024-2025

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Elected

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Appointed

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Ex-officio

Emily Starling, Principal
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Purpose of this Report

This Report is issued by the Hickory Tavern 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.



**Annual School Improvement Council
Report to the Parents
2024-2025**

Building a 5-Star Culture of Excellence



Mission Statement

The Mission of Hickory Tavern School is
Empowering and Inspiring ALL
to Belong, Learn, and Lead to Succeed.

Hickory Tavern School

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SIC Annual Goals

- Safer campus
 - Say Something
 - Beyond Abuse Program
 - DARE Program
 - 13 additional cameras
 - Rize Program
 - Gateway Counseling
- Build a working relationship with area churches and community groups
- Improve school culture through celebrations in which parents can be a part of
 - Benchmark Incentives
 - Math Fact Challenge
 - Reading All Stars
 - Semester Awards
 - End of Year Awards

Progress Towards Goals

- First Responder Walk-through
- Monthly Fire Safety Inspections
- Metal Detectors
- Clear Book Bags
- Collaboration with community pastors and community leaders.
 - Woodmen of the World
 - Lions Clubs
 - Good News Club
 - FCA
- Communication with parents through various apps.
- District-wide Parent Academy
- New Playground- Established May 2024
- Auditorium Seats and Sound Improvement

Student Achievement

Primary Testing

- All primary grades show growth on each of the assessments administered to students.

MAP

- MAP Reading achievement in grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are leading in Laurens #55
- MAP Math achievement in grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are leading in Laurens #55
- 6th & 7th grade are leading in growth for MAP Math in Laurens #55
- MAP Reading growth is the highest in 7th grade in the Laurens #55
- 4th Grade had above average growth on Reading MAP
- 3rd Grade had above average growth and achievement on Math and Reading MAP

SC Ready Scores (2024 Data):

Grade 3-5 ELA - 46.4% students scored Meets or Exceeds

Grade 3-5 Math - 43.4% students scored Meets or Exceeds

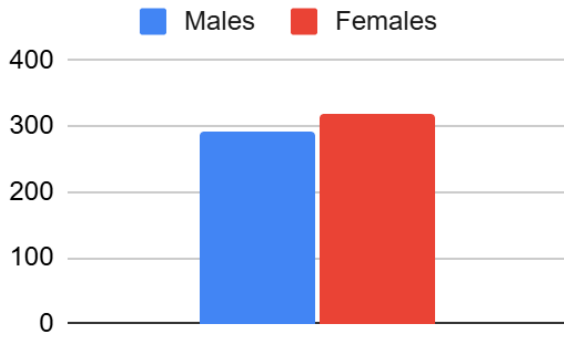
SC Ready Scores:

Grade 6-8 ELA - 43.2% students scored Exceeds or Meets

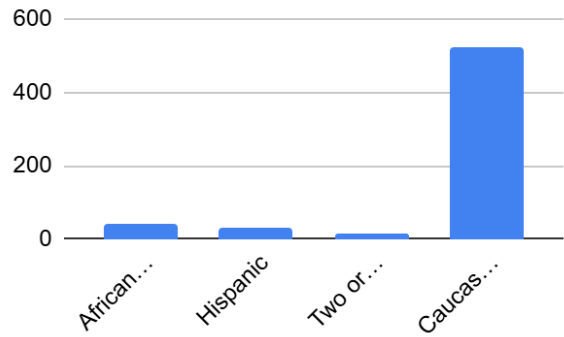
Grade 6-8 Math – 22.6% students scored Exceeds or Meets

Additional Information

2024-2025 Demographics by Gender



2024-2025 Demographics by Ethnicity



Title I Funding

Hickory Tavern School qualifies as a school-wide Title I school. This means the school receives services and materials in addition to what is provided by the school district. Title I funds are provided through the Federal Government.