



School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents for 2025-2026

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Hickory Tavern School

HT is a Title 1 school that serves 622 students in grades 3K-8th grade. We are a rural school and are fortunate to be at the heart of the community.

Purpose of the SIC Report

The report is written by members of HT 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 SIC and other accomplishments during the school year.

School and SIC Goals for the 2025-2026 school year:

Climate: By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Hickory Tavern School will decrease the amount of certified staff feeling dissatisfied with school morale and teacher recognition by 15% as measured by the teacher climate survey responses.

Reading: Based on the end of year 2024-2025 testing data for grades 1-8 and the beginning of year 2025-2026 for 4K and Kindergarten, Hickory Tavern School will increase the students scoring Meets and Exceeds in the area of Reading by an average of 15% by May 2026.

Math: Based on the end of year 2024-2025 testing data for grades 1-8 and the beginning of year 2025-2026 for 4K and Kindergarten, Hickory Tavern School will increase the students scoring Meets and Exceeds in the area of Math by an average of 15% by May 2026.





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Council Members & Award Recognition

School Improvement Council Members

- Jennifer Robinson
- Kelsey Brown
- Shakera Tribble
- Julie Lawson
- Cassandra Gaines
- Bailey Gibbs
- Allison Hamby
- Mary Kate Black
- Andrea Parsons
- Charlee Culbertson
- Virginia Huffman
- Toni Hunter
- Heather Smith
- Michael Thomas

Special Thanks to Our Community Partners

- Holy Cross Church
- Lions Club
- DIAL Church
- Henderson Church
- Many individuals that are too many to name
- Shiloh Church
- Rabun Creek
- Woodman of the World
- The Tavern
- Good News Club

Teacher of the Year



Noel Wilkerson

Support Staff of the Year



Shannon Ashworth

Induction Teacher of the Year



Shakera Tribble



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Programs offered to HT Students

- 3K-8th grade Scholar Programs
- Full-day CERDEP program
- 21st Century After-School Program
- Read to Succeed Camps
- Summer School
- Gifted and Talented Program
- BETA Club for 4th-8th grade students
- Jr. Honor Society for Middle School Students
- Student Council
- Drama Club
- Chess Club
- Academic Team
- Athletics- Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Cheer



BETA Club Induction



Hickory Tavern School

2025 SC READY Academic Performance

Third - Fifth Grades

English Language Arts

62.9% Met or Above

Higher than District & State

Math

40.7% Met or Above

Higher than District Percentage

Sixth - Eighth Grades

English Language Arts

52.7% Met or Above

Higher than the District

Math

27.5% Met or Above

Student Performance Score