

Discovery School's School Improvement Council

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Our SIC meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at Discovery School.

SIC Goals:

- Increase public awareness of Discovery School
- Continue with expansion of 1 class per grade level over the next 5 years
- Increase parental involvement on school climate surveys

2023/2024 SIC REPORT TO PARENTS



Lancaster County's Only Charter School

Through our annual theme-based focus with its culminating festival, students demonstrate world class skills such as: critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, teamwork, communication, and research (use of media and technology). Utilizing a variety of unique presentation formats Discovery students learn exemplary life and career characteristics including: integrity, self-direction, perseverance, work ethic, interpersonal skills, and global perspective, through school-wide implementation of programs such as Positive Discipline and Love and Logic.

Student Achievement

SC READY MET or EXCEEDS			
	Discovery School	District	State
ELA	51.9%	55.2%	53.9%
Math	53.7%	49.1%	40.9%



Discovery School's exemplary faculty and staff blend rigorous Core Knowledge standards and state content standards with reasoning skills, allowing our students to incorporate creativity and innovation in both problem-based and project-based learning opportunities. Emphasis is placed on traditional content learning (ELA, math, science, and social studies) along with the fine and performing arts (music, creative movement, visual arts, and drama), as well as exposure to world languages.

MISSION STATEMENT

In addition to supporting the mission of the Lancaster County School District, Discovery School of Lancaster County provides services to a diverse population of students in a unique learning environment with special emphasis on academic innovation and flexibility while encouraging students to excel in one or more areas of intelligence and promoting professional development opportunities for educators throughout the district.



VISION STATEMENT

We envision students who...

- are engaged in and enthusiastic about the unique learning activities provided;
- know that they are valued;
- make choices, as appropriate, about learning based upon interests;
- have personal goals for the future, which are fostered and refined.

We envision a school where...

- the environment is student centered;
- there is an inviting, positive atmosphere where students take responsibility for their own behavior;
- students, parents, teachers, and community members take an active role in the learning process;
- students' strengths and interests are discovered and nurtured through a variety of learning and teaching styles with abundant opportunities to develop the multiple intelligences;
- teamwork among students and teachers is evident and applied;
- visual and performing arts inspire complex understanding of difficult concepts;
- an atmosphere of innovation, creativity, and flexibility allows teachers to take responsible risks;
- appropriate and sufficient resources will be available;
- the curriculum is realistic and challenging and expectations are high;
- flexible teaching stimulates student participation in multiple areas of intelligence;
- dedicated and well-trained personnel assist students and fellow teachers in developing their talents.

Why Discovery School?

By providing a choice for parents and students in Lancaster County, Discovery School proves every day that Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, when carefully implemented, can provide a valid and successful alternative to more traditional methods of instructing and assessing the educational progress of students in the 21st century.

Parental Involvement

Discovery School hosts parent events throughout the year to involve parents in the education process, such as reading and math nights.

Discovery School

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