

School Achievements

SCHOOL SAFETY

- Full-Time School Resource Officer from the Laurens County Sheriff's Department
- Controlled entry to building
- Visitors must scan driver's license or ID to visit or pick-up students
- Security gates installed at car loop and bus entrance.
- Additional security cameras added; older cameras replaced with new, high-definition cameras



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- Part-time technology coach
- Three (3) wired computer labs
- 16 mobile Chromebook labs
- iPads, computers, and laptops in classrooms
- Interactive Promethean boards/panels in every classroom

GCO SIC Members

Elected Members:

- Sara Brenna - Parent
- Julie Carroll - Teacher
- Kelsey Cato - Teacher
- Kacie Isbell – Teacher
- Taylor Morgan - Teacher
- Danielle Nichols - Parent (Chair)

Appointed Members

- Angie Bigham - Community Member
- Marty Crain, SRO - Community Member
- Ernest Lloyd - Community Member

Ex-officio Member:

- Phillip Dean - Principal
- Marcia Womble - Assistant Principal
- Brook England – Other

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Gray Court-Owings 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.

Gray Court-Owings School

Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents”

2017-2018



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Mission Statement

The mission of Gray Court-Owings School is to create a community of learners who are responsible and productive citizens.

GCO SIC GOALS

Goals for the SIC focused on the School Climate goal of the School Renewal Plan:

- **Campus Beautification:** The SIC worked with a landscape architect to develop a long-range plan for planting trees on the campus. The trees will provide shade on the playgrounds and help beautify the campus.



- **School Safety and Security:** The SIC made recommendations and approved safety and security upgrades to the campus including security gates on the car and bus entrances and additional security cameras.



Student Achievements

SC Ready Scores:

- **Grade 3-5 ELA** - 54% Exceed, Meet, Approach Expectations
- **Grade 3-5 Math** - 56% Exceed, Meet, Approach Expectations

SC Pass Scores:

- **Grade 4 Science** – 28.4% Met and above
- **Grade 5 Science** – 16.7% Met and above
- **Grade 4 Social Science** – 75.7% Met and above
- **Grade 5 Social Science** – 33.3% Met and above

SC Ready Scores:

- **Grade 6-8 ELA** - 73% Exceed, Meet, Approach Expectations
- **Grade 6-8 Math** – 78% Exceed, Meet, Approach Expectations

SC Pass Scores:

- **Grade 6 Science** – 26.7% Met and above
- **Grade 7 Science** – 37.1% Met and above
- **Grade 8 Science** – 58.3% Met and above
- **Grade 6 Social Science** – 63.3% Met and above
- **Grade 7 Social Science** – 72.9% Met and above
- **Grade 8 Social Science** – 80% Met and above

End of Course Test Scores:

- GCO's End of Course Test scores for Algebra I – 96.7% passing
- GCO's End of Course Test scores for English I – 92.3% passing

“For more information, you may view GCO “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.”

Congratulations to:

- Michelle Spires - Teacher of the Year
- Alicia Gagin - Support Staff of the Year
- Elisha Caldwell - Cafeteria Employee of the Year

Community Partnerships:

- Friendship Baptist Church
- Certified Security Systems
- Martin Brothers Construction
- Mogul SC Nonwovens
- Vulcan Materials

Principal for the Day

Gray Court-Owings School welcomed Mr. Jason Jackson from Vulcan Materials as our Principal for the Day.

