



GRAY COURT-OWINGS SCHOOL

Annual School Improvement Report to the Parents

2021-2022

Empowering and Inspiring All to be Educated and Informed

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Mrs. Kim Penland, Principal
Mrs. Brook England and Dr. Patti Owens,
Assistant Principals

Gray Court-Owings SIC Members

Elected Members

Merica Dyar: Teacher

Amberlyn Reynolds: Teacher (Chair)

Kimberly Garrett: Parent

Michelle Gillespie: Parent

Josue Jimenez: Parent

Michelle Spires: Parent

Appointed Members

Marty Crain: Community Member

Brett Davis: Community Member

John Fahrney: Community Member

Ex-officio Members

Kim Penland: Principal

Dr. Patti Owens: Assistant Principal

Brook England: Assistant Principal (Secretary)

Lindsey Dawkins: Teacher of the Year (Vice-Chair)

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This report is issued by the GCO 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 S.I.C., and other accomplishments during the school year.

SIC Annual Goals

- **Safety for all students:** Safety is a top priority for our students. We have reviewed safety measures during our Safety Committee meetings, faculty meetings, and during grade-level meetings. Our staff has been trained on the RAVE 911 emergency programming system. Per district protocol, we initiate monthly fire drills, as well as practice other safety drills such as earthquake, tornado, and intruder as required by our school district. We are constantly assessing safety protocol and making necessary changes to ensure the safety of all students and staff to the best of our ability.
- **High-Quality Instruction:** GCO has taken steps this year to improve instruction, such as coaching cycles, uninterrupted instructional time, instructional expectations, data analysis during professional learning communities, professional development, and data-driven instruction. The focus has been on improving classroom instruction based on the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 rubric.
- **Student Achievement:** Academic Recovery has been a focus for GCO. Students have been able to participate in after-school tutoring, the 21st Century After School Program, and small group intervention sessions during the school day. Academic Recovery continues to be a priority, and instructional decisions for additional academic support continue to be made as we continue to monitor the progress of our students.

Community Partnerships

- Bramlett United Methodist Church
- Certified Security Systems
- Gray Court Church of God
- Fibertex Nonwovens
- Friendship Baptist Church
- House of Pizza Gray Court
- M&M Scrap Metal
- Martin Brothers Construction
- Matt Davis State Farm
- Woodman Life
- Vulcan Materials
- ZF Transmissions

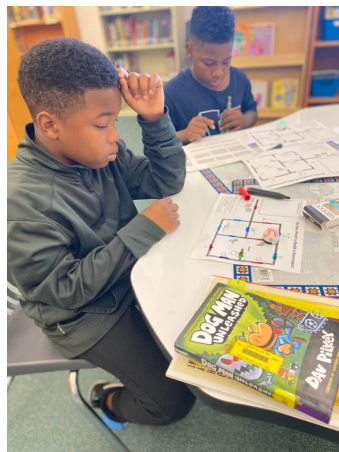


Student Achievement

Fall to Winter Student Growth on MAP Reading and Math by Grade Level

Grade Level	ELA RIT Growth	Math RIT Growth
1	+7.5	+10.1
2	+8.6	+10.6
3	+4.8	+7.9
4	+6.5	+8.9
5	+8.0	+7.7
6	+4.4	+8.6
7	+11.6	+8.6
8	+9.0	+5.5

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



School Achievements and Programs

- Jennifer Johnson: Distinguished Literacy Teacher (Elementary)
- Madeline Crowder: Distinguished Literacy Teacher (Middle)
- Michelle Spires: South Carolina Association of School Librarians' President-Elect
- Implementation of Dreambox
- Implementation of NewsELA
- Middle School Athletics
- High school credits offered in Algebra I, Honors English I, Computer Science, and Spanish I
- Montessori Program for grades 3K-5
- 21st Century After-School Program
- Visual and Fine Arts Program
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Career Development Program
- After-school Tutoring
- Multi-tiered System of Support with a focus on academic intervention
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Book Vending Machine
- Clemson Mobile Lab
- AVID: Advancement via Individual Determination
- Robotics Team
- Academic Team
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)
- National Beta Club