

School Achievements/Programs

- Tammy Mize: Distinguished Literacy Teacher (Elementary)
- Michelle Spires: Distinguished Literacy Teacher (Middle)
- Michelle Spires: South Carolina Association of School Librarians' President
- Implementation of Dreambox
- Implementation of Waggle
- 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
- After-school Tutoring
- Multi-tiered System of Supports with focus on academic intervention
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Book Vending Machine
- AVID: Advancement via Individual Determination
- Robotics Team
- Academic Team
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- National Beta Club

Gray Court-Owings SIC Members

Elected Members:

- Marie Mahon: Teacher (Secretary)
- Amberlyn Reynolds: Teacher (Chair)
- Michelle Spires: Teacher
- Kamisha Thomas: Teacher
- Casey Ham: Parent
- Michelle Gillespie: Parent

Appointed Members:

- Marty Crain: Community Member
- Nabilah Farhan: Community Member
- John Fahrney: Community Member

Ex-officio Members:

- Farrell Thomas: Principal
- Lakesha Austin: Assistant Principal
- Jonathan Schwalbe: Assistant Principal
- Madeline Crowder: Teacher of the Year (Vice President)

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.

Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2022-2023

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Principal: Mr. Farrell Thomas
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Lakesha Austin
Assistant Principal: Mr. Jonathan Schwalbe



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. 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 protocols 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, co-teaching, leadership walkthroughs, 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.

Student Achievement

Fall to Winter Student Growth on MAP
Reading and Math

Grade Level	ELA RIT Growth	Math RIT Growth
1	+10.1	+12.8
2	+9.5	+14.7
3	+7.2	+8.2
4	+5.2	+3.5
5	+7.5	+5.1
6	+7.4	+6.5
7	+5.4	+5.5
8	+8	+5.3



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
- WoodmanLife
- Vulcan Materials
- ZF Transmissions
- Gray Court Contracting, Inc.
- Stephanie Clowser



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