



SANDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual School Improvement Report to the Parents

2021-2022

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Mr. Joshua Dawkins, Principal

Mrs. Mary Kate Black, Assistant Principal

Sanders Middle SIC Members

Elected Members

Griffin Beckham – Teacher (Chair)

Kiandra Bluford – Parent

Tony Cunningham – Teacher

Tara Falls, Nevaeh Martin-Fridal – Students

Appointed Members

Terry McDowell – Community Member

Elma Morrison – Community Member

Allison Seibert – Community Member

Ex-officio Member

Joshua Dawkins – Principal

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This report is issued by the Sanders Middle 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

- **Climate Goal:** To improve and maintain a safe, supportive environment that is conducive to working and learning as measured by a 5% increase in the percentage of teachers, students, and parents who report satisfactory or above on the annual SC State Report Card Opinion Survey (80% to 85%).
- **Teacher and Administrator Quality Goal:** To recruit and maintain faculty members with a 100% Highly Qualified status as required by regulations in the appropriate content areas.
- **Community Improvement Goal:** Sanders Middle School will cultivate a stronger presence and enhance its role and partnerships within the community.

Achievements and Highlights

- High progress literacy classrooms with the implementation of the Reading and Writing Workshop;
- Analyzing Informational Text Dependent Analysis and Document Based Questions in Science and Social Studies;
- Connecting learning and collaborating to find multiple solutions to real-world problems in Math Inquiry and Exploration using the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) in all science classrooms; and
- One-to-one technology: a Chromebook is assigned to each student at Sanders Middle School for infused blended learning in content areas and classrooms.

Student Achievement

SMS showed positive growth in our Reading and Math MAP scores from Fall to Winter this school year.

Students take Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing three times each year to measure the progress of their learning.

The following gains were made:

Reading:

- +4.5 RIT score growth in 6th graders
- +9.9 RIT score growth in 7th graders
- +6.3 RIT score growth in 8th graders

Math:

- +4.5 RIT score growth in 6th graders
- +5.6 RIT score growth in 7th graders
- +4.1 RIT score growth in 8th graders

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



Additional Information

Sanders Middle School’s Unique Features

- The implementation of the advisory program, SMS Clubs, allows students to spend time building and nurturing a relationship with an adult advocate in the building.
- Montessori Education
- SMS has been an AVID school for 7 consecutive years.
- The 1,00,000+ Page Reading Challenge and Just Take 30 Reading Initiative: students and staff have logged over 1 million pages of reading this school year!

Sanders is home to...

- 2022 South Carolina Association of School Librarians Winner, Anna Barker
- MODELS Program
- Re-installment of the National Junior Honor Society
- Reactivation of Student Council
- Greenville Drive Reading All-Star Challenge: 52% of the student body read 500 pages

