

School Improvement Council

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ABOUT THIS REPORT....

The school Improvement council of Sandhills Middle School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mr. Michael Spencer, Principal, or Mrs. Katie Deas SIC Chair at (803) 490-7005.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The SC School Improvement Council exists to advise, train, and promote parents, teachers, students, and community members for active, knowledgeable membership in School Improvement Councils for the fulfillment of their Council/role and responsibilities.

Purpose of SIC

Assist in the development and evaluation of the five-year School Improvement Plan (also called the School Renewal Plan or the Strategic Plan).

Assist in the preparation of annual updates and/or revisions

Compose the annual Report to Parents to provide information about the school's progress in meeting school/district/state goals or objectives. This report is distributed by April 30.

Assist the principal in preparing the annual narrative for the School Report Card.

Provide advice on the use of any school incentive award monies (if allocated by the legislature and awarded to the school).

Participate in the revision of the School Improvement Council Plan in cases where the school needs to enact changes.

Serve as the liaison between the school, community, and local school board by collecting and disseminating information.

Provide other assistance that the principal may request and carry out any other duties prescribed by the local school board.

The council will not have the powers and duties reserved by law or regulation of the local school board.

Sandhills Middle School



2024-2025
SIC Annual Report to Parents

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Awards and Recognitions

- 2 South Carolina Junior Scholars in 2025.
- The Gold Band Earned a Superior Rating with Distinction at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment.
- 2 students earned chairs in the SCBDA Region 2 Honor Band.
- 24 students selected to participate in the SCBDA Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- The Tiger Chorale Earned a Superior Rating at the Choral CPA.
- 1 Student Selected to the ACDA All-State Choir.
- Students placed in 7 categories at the South Carolina BETA Club Convention.
- SIC hosted our 4th annual Trick Treat Lane which was well attended.
- The Tiger Chorale was invited to perform at “Music in the Parks”.
- The Volleyball team advanced to the 2nd round of the playoffs.
- 13 students received superior ratings at the SCBDA Solo and Ensemble Festival.



Academic Programs and Partnerships

WIN

WIN, (What I Need), is an embedded intervention period. This innovative class period is used to provide targeted and intentional academic support to students.

GEAR UP

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) initiative is one of the largest and most effective programs focused on increasing the college and career readiness of students in communities nationwide. Current 7th grade students at Sandhills Middle School will benefit from this program for the next 7 years.

Professional Development Schools Network

The PDS Network partnership utilizes an innovative structure to elevate student learning, professional development, and teaching practices at Sandhills Middle School. By fostering a collaborative relationship between the University of South Carolina and Sandhills Middle School, we create dynamic opportunities for educators to engage in research and share effective strategies. This partnership not only enhances instructional quality but also empowers teachers to implement best practices that drive student success.



Mission and Vision

MISSION

The mission of Sandhills Middle School is to provide each student the opportunity to learn in a safe, positive, nurturing environment where respect and self-discipline build maturity and a foundation for lifelong learning.

VISION

Sandhills Middle School prepares all students to lead, learn, serve, and excel in an ever changing global society.

MOTTO

WIN THE DAY!!!

FOCUS AREAS

Student Achievement

Culture and Climate

Educator Quality

