

## School Organization and Contact

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Dr. Timothy Blackwell – Principal**  
**Ms. Shameka Stephney – Assistant Administrator**  
**Ms. Barbara Tiller - Chair**  
**Ms. Charlette Legette - Vice Chair**  
**Ms. Courtney Kennedy – Secretary**

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The School Improvement Council of Arden Elementary School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2020-2021, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Dr. Timothy Blackwell, Principal, or Ms. Barbara Tiller, SIC Chair at (803) 735-3400.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

WAES News Show (Virtual)  
Reading Matters  
AVID Elementary Program (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>)  
Student Laptop Program (PK - 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Comprehensive Remediation Program (Virtual/Hybrid)  
Barron Academy After-School Program  
Kiononia After-School Program  
ESOL Program  
Arden Fitness Club  
Arden Disc Golf Club  
E.L.I.T.E. Male Empowerment Group  
Girls of Excellence

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Columbia College Education Department  
Richland County Library-North Main Branch  
College Place Community Council  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Gamma Nu Chapter)  
Junior League of Columbia  
United Way of the Midlands/MRC

### MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



## Arden Elementary School



### 2021-2022 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

1300 Ashley Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203  
Office (803) 735-3400  
School Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Arden's mission is to serve our students, and support our parents with the help of our community members as we all strive to make "Arden a Great Place to Work & Learn." Our school's administration, teachers and staff work collaboratively to improve the overall quality of the learning experiences for all students.

**"One Community...Imagine the Possibilities"**

## School Highlights & Awards

### HealthierUS School Challenge Award

2017 Gold Recipient  
 2019 Bronze Recipient  
 2020 Bronze Recipient  
 2021 Bronze Recipient

### SCHOOL AWARDS & GRANTS

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

### SCHOOL/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Bethlehem Baptist Church Backpack Program  
 Second Calvary Baptist Church Backpack Program  
 Saks of Luv Weekend Food Program

## School Demographics

### Total Enrollment

<1% White  
 70% African American  
 25% Hispanic  
 <4% Two or More Races

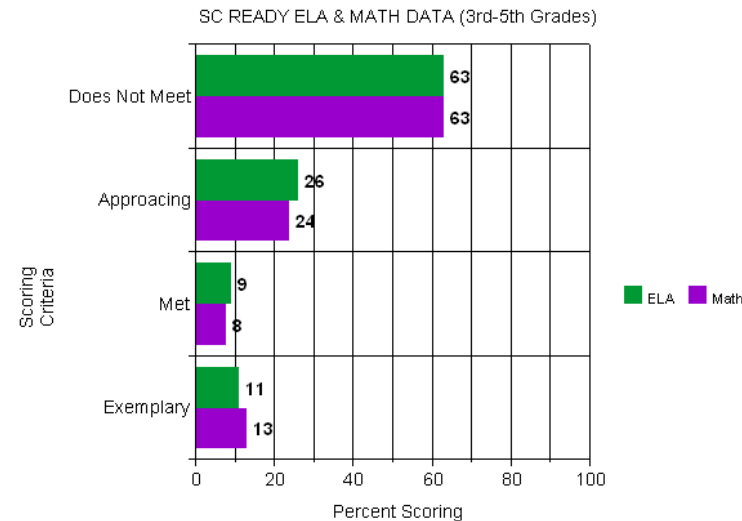
51 Total Certified and Classified Staff  
 13 Homeroom Teachers  
**(1 National Board Certified)**

## Test Information

### Students at or above expectations

**\*Star is the universal screener taken by all students\***

### STAR ELA



State Department of Education: The scores were in the year of the pandemic and parents could opt out of testing



## 2021-2022 School Goals

- ✓ Support teachers using a tiered level of support in the areas of need (**Teacher Quality**)
- ✓ Support students in collaboration with parents using the multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) model (**School Climate**)
- ✓ Focus on teaching and learning (i.e. student data, classroom observations) to enhance instruction across the curriculum (**Student Achievement**)
- ✓ Increase the proficiency level of students in ELA and math as indicated by STAR benchmarks and other assessments (**Student Achievement**)

## 2021-2022 AVID Goals

- ✓ To create and maintain a school environment that is child-centered and safe
- ✓ Empower each child to become active participants and learners

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