

The School Improvement Council

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District and Arden Mission

Richland One will prepare every student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society by providing an effective and high quality education.

SIC Mission

Arden's SIC mission is to serve as a school advisory council that involves parents and community members who will support and assist the school's administration and teachers in their innovative efforts to improve the overall quality of the school for students.

The School Improvement Council meets monthly. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Parents are welcomed at all meetings. However, only members vote.

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This report summarizes Arden's progress, accomplishments and challenges for the 2011-2012 school year. Its annual production is required by Act 135 as passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 1993.

Mrs. Barlow, the Career Detective, explains the transition from school to work!



2012-2013



Arden Elementary School

Report to the Parents and Community

Telephone: 735-3400

Our Goals and Results

Each year, every South Carolina public school must identify goals for a renewal or improvement plan. Arden's goals and outcomes for 2012-2013 are:

Goal One: To promote parental involvement:

Outcome:

- ◆ Fifth grade parents participated in the orientation of the sixth grade curriculum with the students.
- ◆ Pre-K-5th grade participated in the Black History/Family Literacy Night.
- ◆ Science Fair Family Night parents involvement in Science Projects.
- ◆ PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) Parents' Orientation.

Goal Two: By 2013, improve academic performance on ELA and Math MAP scores by 2%.

Outcome: 45% the students met their MAP Reading Target Growth and 40% of the students met their MAP Math Target Growth.

Goal Three: Continue to improve the school climate by focusing more on Customer Care Services.

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Parents, teachers and students surveys were surveyed to identify and address school-wide concerns.

ELA MAP Test Results

Percentage of students who made gains in 2nd grade—2013, score as a 3rd graders

Grade	2012	2013	Increase/Decrease
2nd	72%	74.2%	+2.2%
3rd	66%	77.5%	+11.5%
4th	71.0%	73.4%	+2.4%

Math MAP Test Results

Students Who Met Proficient

Grade	2012	2013	Increase/Decrease
2nd	55.0%	80.0%	+25.0%
3rd	57.0%	72.5%	+15.5%
4th	75.0%	79.5%	+4.5%

2012-score in 2nd grade, 2013-score as a 3rd grader

SIC Team Members working on Arden's challenges.



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School Report Card Ratings

2012- Absolute Rating = Average

Growth Rating = Average

Challenges

Arden has a 22% population of students for whom English is a second language.

Pre-K and Kindergarten students are not entering school adequately prepared to meet South Carolina State Standards.

- Tardiness and early dismissal of students continue to be of concern.
- Incomplete in-school assignments and homework not being submitted to teachers in a timely manner is a reoccurring problem that impacts student achievement.
- The students in the self-contained and resource classes are tested on grade level, and the results of those tests are included in the school's overall test scores.
- An operational PTO has been non-existent during 2012-2013 school year.

Honors/Achievements

- ◆ Grade level newsletters are sent to parents each month.
- ◆ Increased parental involvement, i.e. Family Literacy Nights, Parent Conferences, and SIC.
- ◆ Implemented the Homework Heroes Program.
- ◆ Implemented the "Early Bird" Program using the Success Maker Lab in reading and math.
- ◆ Interventionist for K-2 in reading and math.
- ◆ USDA Healthier US School Silver Award Winner for 2012-2013.
- ◆ 2012-2013 Palmetto Silver Award Recipient.
- ◆ Increased programs to provide leadership opportunities for students i.e., Student Ambassadors, Boys II Men, and Ladies of Distinction.
- ◆ Third year of implementing the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables grant.
- ◆ Decrease in the percentage of students expelled or suspended from school.
- ◆ Third year of implementation of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS).
- ◆ Earned an Average Rating on the School's Report Card for 2012-2013.