

School Organization and Contact

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT 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 2022-2023, 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
Reading Matters
Midlands Reading Consortium (MRC)
AVID Elementary Program (4th/5th)
Comprehensive Remediation Program
Barron Academy After-School Program
ESOL Program
E.L.I.T.E Male Empowerment Group
Girls of Excellence Empowerment Group
Arden Elementary Disc Golf Club
Arden Elementary Fitness Club
Arden Elementary Advocacy Clubs

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Columbia College Education Department
Richland County Library-North Main Branch
College Place Community Council
NOMA Columbia/Sabrina Odom
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Gamma Nu Omega Chapter)
Harvest Hope Snack Pack Program
Bethlehem Baptist Church Backpack Program
Second Calvary Baptist Church Backpack Program
Saks of Luv Weekend Food Program

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



2022-2023 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...Serve, Support and Strengthen"

School Highlights & Awards

HEALTHIER US SCHOOL CHALLENGE AWARD

2017 Gold Recipient
2019 Bronze Recipient
2020 Bronze Recipient

SCHOOL AWARDS & GRANTS

2019 “Average” School Rating
2022 “Average” School Rating
Fully Accredited by Cognia and the SCDE
Partner School with Columbia College

School Demographics

School Statistics

Enrollment: 217

White: 3 **African-American:** 158
Hispanic: 49 **Two or More Races:** 7

Grades Served	Pre-Kindergarten-5 th Grade
Free/Reduced Lunch	100%
Special Education	Less than 5%
Academic/Gifted Program (Grades 3-5)	Less than 5%
English Language Learners	23%

Test Information

Percentage of Students Scoring Meets & Exceeds

SC Ready ELA		SC Ready Math	
Grade	2021-2022	Grade	2021-2022
3 rd	9.1%	3 rd	18.2%
4 th	31.3%	4 th	21.9%
5 th	8%	5 th	24%

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 ARE ADMINISTERED STAR READING AND MATH AS OUR UNIVERSAL SCREENER

TECHNOLOGY

All rooms have
Smartboards in Classrooms
Laptops (PK – 5th Grades)



2022-2023 School Goals

- ✓ Increase student achievement/proficiency levels in all academic areas
- ✓ Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching and leadership
- ✓ Build positive home/school relations with frequent communication through the use of our school website, social media, and weekly newsletters

2022-2023 AVID Goals

- ✓ To create, maintain, and enhance a school environment that is child-centered, safe, and promotes healthy behaviors.



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