

School Organization and Contact

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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. Jasmine Gunn, SIC Chair at (803) 735-3400.

Extra-Curricular Activities

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

Principal's Writing Wall of Fame
WAES News Show (Virtual)
Reading Matters
AVID Elementary Program (4th/5th)
Student Laptop Program (PK - 5th)
Comprehensive Remediation Program (Virtual/Hybrid)
Barron Academy After-school Program
ESOL Program

***Due to the pandemic, many extra-curricular activities were placed on hold for the 2020-2021 school year.**

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Columbia College Education Department
Richland County Library-North Main Branch
College Place Community Council
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Gamma Nu Chapter)
Ridgewood Baptist Church

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



2020-2021 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...Dig Deep"

School Highlights & Awards

HealthierUS School Challenge Award

2017 Gold Recipient
2019 Bronze Recipient
2020 Bronze Recipient

SCHOOL AWARDS & GRANTS

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

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

School Demographics

Total Enrollment

<1% White
71% African American
22% Hispanic
<1% Other

46 Total Certified and Classified Staff
16 Homeroom Teachers
(3 National Board Certified)

Test Information

Students at or above expectations

Star is the universal screener taken by all students

STAR ELA		STAR Math	
Grade	2020-2021	Grade	2020-2021
K	47%	K	NA
1 st	30%	1 st	46%
2 nd	31%	2 nd	26%
3 rd	24%	3 rd	34%
4 th	18%	4 th	31%
5 th	16%	5 th	34%

TECHNOLOGY

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



2020-2021 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**)
- ✓ Laser-like focus on teaching and learning (i.e. student data, classroom observations and other data points) (**Student Achievement**)
- ✓ Increase the proficiency level of students in all academic areas (**Student Achievement**)

2020-2021 AVID Goals

- ✓ To create, maintain, and enhance a school environment that is child-centered, safe, and promotes healthy behaviors, and
- ✓ Empower each child to learn, grow and develop a sense of citizenship in the community, both within and beyond the walls of our school.

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