

## School Organization and Contact

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mark Shea – Principal, Ex-Officio  
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Brian Fitzgerald - President  
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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria Jaramillo	Caroline Scott
Ben Riddle	Christine Hendrix
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### ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

This report from the School Improvement Council presents Brennen's accomplishments and progress toward goals in the 2019-20 school year, as required by Act 135 passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 1993.

### What's new at Brennen, 2019-2020?

- Ron Clark Academy House System 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grades
- CERDEP 4K Program
- Parenting Partners Workshops with our Hispanic Parents
- Utilize Reading/Math Inventories to monitor student gains
- 55 New iPads for Early Childhood Students from PTO funds
- New Murals in Cafeteria and throughout the school

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Art Club  
Chorus/District Chorus  
Orchestra  
Good News Club  
Disc Golf Team  
3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Drama Plays  
Fitness Bowl Team  
Table Talks with Non-Hearing and Hearing Community

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

ESOL  
Moderate Disability Classes  
Deaf Education  
CERDEP 4K

### DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## Brennen Elementary



### 2019 – 2020 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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#ProgressNOTPerfection



## School Highlights & Awards

Over the last thirteen years, Brennen has achieved 9 Excellent ratings and four Good ratings on the SC School Report Card. Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), which is part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 is federal legislation that promotes student achievement through school and district reform. Brennen's 2019 School Report Card based on the ESEA was EXCELLENT in achievement and GROWTH. Brennen has also received the Palmetto Gold or Silver award in 11 of the past 13 years. For the third year in a row, Brennen won the district's Elementary Fitness Bowl for the fourth year in a row.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

SC Palmetto Gold & Silver Awards for Achievement and Growth

## School Demographics

Total Enrollment 866  
60% White  
25% African American  
10% Hispanic  
5% Other

67 Certified Staff Members  
(30% of all faculty are National Board Certified, 2 hold a Doctorate degree and 45 hold Masters or higher levels of coursework)

Richland One School district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, sex age, lineage or national origin in its programs or activities.

## Test Information

\*% Exceeding, Meeting, and Approaching Expectations

SC Ready/SCPass	2019*
English Language Arts	87%*
Math	88%*

## Goals for Next Year

### GOAL 1: Increase Student Achievement

The school used My IGDIS, KRA, District Benchmark Assessments, Common Formative Assessments, and SC Ready data to monitor and guide instruction. We continue to use Reading/Math Inventory benchmark testing in all grades. This assessment gives us data on students three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). In addition, we use our interventionists to help progress monitor students that qualify as needing additional reading support.

To boost student achievement in all areas, Brennen will continue to implement programs designed to increase student achievement and progress in the areas of ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Daily classroom instruction is infused with the latest technology: Smart Boards, laptops, digital four-30 station iPad carts. We continue to utilize one-to-one laptops for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. PTO continues to maintain our award-winning outdoor classroom for hands-on lessons in science.

### GOAL 2: Increase Parent Involvement

PTO, SIC, and the volunteer network provide a wide variety of events and opportunities to allow anyone to get informed and involved. Events include the Back-to-School Bash, Harvest Happening, Very Important Person Day, Bingo Night, sweetheart dance, mother son night, general membership meetings, dinner for Deaf Ed Table Talks, staff appreciation throughout the school year, and the Brennen School Auction that regularly draws hundreds of attendees.

### PTO FUNDRAISING CONTINUES TO BE RECORD BREAKING!

TOTAL \$78,000

These funds directly support Brennen students and school programs.

Getting accurate, timely information to families is critical. Our channels of communication include the classroom newsletters, guided tours for prospective parents, Brennen and Brennen PTO websites for class and event information, weekly email blasts, computerized phone messaging and new online student registration process. Our PTO even uses Facebook and Twitter to push information out to parents and our community. Volunteers logged over 4,000 hours helping the Brennen family.

### GOAL 3: Increase Teacher Quality

Educators continued to increase their professional development that promotes team curriculum writing to integrate standards across subjects, effective instructional strategies, and establishing and maintaining relationships with families and the community.

Teachers attend professional development workshops, enhancing their ability to integrate the SC College and Career Ready Standards and stay ahead of changes in education. Teachers also receive recertification credits through the District.

Teachers continue to work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities to integrate John Hattie's Visible Learning Research. In addition, they often serve as professional development presenters to faculty and staff.