

School Organization and Contact

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ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

This report from the School Improvement Council presents Brennen's accomplishments and progress toward goals in the 2013-14 school year, as required by Act 135 passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 1993.

What's new at Brennen, 2014-2015?

- Continued Full Time Richland County Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer
- Five-30 Station iPad Carts provided by PTO
- Part-Time Guidance Counselor in addition to our full time counselor
- 5th Grade Students placed in the USC Region II Science Fair
- Continued Nature Trail Improvements
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) for Primary Grades (K-2)

Extra-Curricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Action Cheer and Tumble
German (taught by USC students)
Orchestra
Girls on the Run
Creative Movement and Dance
Little Man Boot Camp
Art Club
Safety Patrol
YMCA-Y Club Afterschool Program
Good News Club

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

ESOL
Deaf Education

MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Brennen Elementary

2014 – 2015 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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School Highlights & Awards

Over the last 11 years, Brennen has achieved seven Excellent ratings and four Good ratings on the SC School Report Card. In six of the past nine years, the school has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), including AYP in all 21 areas in 2010. 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 grade based on the ESEA was a B. Brennen has also received the Palmetto Gold or Silver award in 12 of the past 13 years.

SCHOOL AWARDS

SC Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

School Demographics

Total Student Enrollment 885

56% White

27% African American

10% Hispanic

7% Other

41 Homeroom Teachers

(29% of all faculty are Nationally

Board Certified, 1 holds 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

MAP Data	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
Reading	66%	83%
Math	62%	80%

PASS Data	2013	2014
Writing	81%	85%
ELA	84%	84%
Math	83%	82%
Science	77%	70%
Social Studies	83%	82%

Goals for Next Year

GOAL 1: Increase Student Achievement

The school used MAP, Common Assessments in math, and PASS data to monitor and guide instruction. We continue to use AIMSweb benchmark testing in Kindergarten-Fifth Grade. This assessment gives us data on students three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). In addition, we use AIMSweb to help progress monitor students that participate in our intervention classes as well as those receiving intervention in classrooms.

To boost student achievement in all areas, Brennen continued the implementation of a school wide writing program (Empowering Writers) and continued with PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System), our school wide student discipline plan.

Daily classroom instruction is infused with the latest technology: Smart Boards, a wireless mobile computer lab, laptops, digital cameras, LCD projectors and new this year, iPads. Thanks to our PTO, we have five-30 station iPad carts. 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, Boosterthon, Harvest Happening, Walk Your Child to School Day, Grandparents' Day, 5th Grade Science Fair Prep Night, Bingo Night, Used Book Sale, general membership meetings, and the Brennen School Auction that regularly draws hundreds of attendees.

**PTO FUNDRAISING CONTINUES TO BE RECORD BREAKING!
TOTAL \$99,000 for 2014-15 School Year**

These funds directly support Brennen students and school programs.

Getting accurate, timely information to families is critical. Our channels of communication include the bi-weekly Pawprints newsletter, guided tours for prospective parents, Brennen and Brennen PTO websites for class and event information, weekly email blasts, computerized phone messaging and new student registration packets. Our PTO even uses Facebook and Twitter to push information out to parents and our community. Volunteers logged over 7,000 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 Common Core Curriculum and stay ahead of changes in education. Teachers also receive recertification credits through the District.

Teachers work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities to integrate curriculum and analyze student performance data to make instructional decisions.