

Brennen Elementary



2018 – 2019 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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School Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Chorus
Orchestra
Girls on the Run
Good News Club
Fitness Bowl Team

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

ESOL
Moderate Disability Classes
Deaf Education

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

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School Organization and Contact

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mark Shea – Principal, Ex-Officio
Janet Campbell Kelly – Assistant Principal, Ex-Officio
Michael Glover-Assistant Administrator
Jonathan Milling - President
Mary Catherine Smith – Secretary

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Franke All	Brian Fitzgerald
Helen Griffin	Christine Hendrix
Elizabeth Lafitte	Drew Painter
Ainsley Rhame	Ben Riddle
Jenna Vaughn	Fred Walters

ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

This report from the School Improvement Council presents Brennen's accomplishments and progress toward goals in the 2018-19 school year, as required by Act 135 passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 1993.

What's new at Brennen, 2018-2019?

- Visible Learning
- Multi Tiered Student Support System
- School-wide Intervention block
- Utilize Reading/Math Inventories to monitor student gains

School Highlights & Awards

Over the last twelve years, Brennen has achieved six 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 2018 School Report Card based on the ESEA was EXCELLENT. Brennen has also received the Palmetto Gold or Silver award in 11 of the past 14 years. For the second year in a row, Brennen won the district's Fitness Bowl.

SCHOOL AWARDS

SC Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

School Demographics

Total Enrollment 893
59% White
25% African American
11% Hispanic
5% Other

42 Homeroom Teachers
(26% of all faculty are Nationally Board Certified, 2 hold a Doctorate degree and 48 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	2018*
English Language Arts	82.8%*
Math	82%*

Goals for Next Year

GOAL 1: Increase Student Achievement

The school used 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 a school-wide writing program and school-wide behavior system to enhance our school wide student discipline plan.

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 3rd-5th 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, 5th Grade Science Fair Prep Night, Bingo Night, various fundraisers, father daughter dance, mother son night, general membership meetings, and the Brennen School Auction that regularly draws hundreds of attendees.

PTO FUNDRAISING CONTINUES TO BE RECORD BREAKING!
TOTAL \$62,000

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 Curriculum Standards and stay ahead of changes in education. Teachers also receive recertification credits through the District.

Teachers 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.