

School Organization and Contact

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

The School Improvement Council of Hand Middle School has prepared the annual school report for you, your family, and the Hand Middle School community. The report reviews last year’s progress, growth that was made, and test score results. It also describes plans for further improvement this year.

Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing our targeted goals in 2017-2018, as well as the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Dr. Robin L. Hardy, Principal, or Ms. Pamela Gillam, SIC Chair at (803) 343-2947.

Extra-Curricular Activities



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



African American Promise

Bi-weekly advisory time

Bi-weekly club time

Basketball

Football

Mindfulness on the Mat

Track

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY SERVICE & FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Bridge Builders Mentoring Group

Desserts & Data Night

Family Literacy Night

Family Math Night

Hand L.E.A.D.S.-Learning, Excellence, Advocacy, Dedication & Sharing

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Hand Middle School



2017 – 2018 SIC REPORT TO FAMILIES

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School Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<http://hand.richlandone.org>

@HandMiddleSC (Twitter)

We are Hand. We remain committed to excellence in our five A’s: academics, arts, athletics, attendance and attitude. We do this by having high expectations and ensuring our students promote **Hornet P.R.I.D.E.** - Personal responsibility, Respect, Individual readiness, Demonstrated learning, and Effective behaviors.



We are “One Hand”

School Highlights & Achievements

Forty-one (41) South Carolina Junior Scholars
Arts in Basic Curriculum School
Distinguished Arts Program
USC Professional Development School

Chorus Students:

Thirteen (13) RSD1 Honors Choir

Band Students:

Forty (40) RSD1 Honors Band
Twelve (12) SC Directors Association Region Three Band
One (1) SC All-State Band

Orchestra Students:

Forty-one (41) RSD1 Honors Orchestra

School Demographics

Total Enrollment: 856
Grades 6-8
38% White
51% African American
11% Other

Test Information

State Standardized Test Results

Science PASS: 23.3% Met & 26.1% Exemplary
Social Studies PASS: 33.1% Met & 34.8% Exemplary
English SC READY: 28.4 Approaches, 24.6% Met, &
22.2% Exceeded
Math SC Ready: 29.3 Approaches, 13.9% Met, &
22.4% Exceeded

TECHNOLOGY

Students at all grade levels have many opportunities to utilize technology to enhance their learning. All classrooms have options of a SmartBoard, iPad, and/or computers. Two computer labs provide opportunities for students to conduct research and practice reading and math skills.

SIC Goals

The 2017-2018 School Improvement Council at Hand Middle School continues to focus on school culture and community relations.

SIC determined two (2) goals for this school year:

- **Data Analysis:** to enhance all stakeholders' knowledge and understanding of the school and district assessment results as well as the 8th grade parent, teacher, and student satisfaction survey.
- **School Climate:** to help students understand their role in creating and promoting positive school culture and climate. Collectively, we recognize that a positive school climate and culture has a direct impact on student achievement and creating a safe learning environment. We are *One Hand*, committed to increase student, parent, and community involvement in order to meet the unique needs of those we serve.

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