

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 scores. 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 2018-2019, 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. Patrice T. Green, Principal, or Ms. Pamela Gilliam, SIC Chair at (803) 343-2947.

Extra-Curricular Activities



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Basketball
Bridge Builders
Chess Club
Cheerleading
Football
Mindfulness on the Mat
PEARLS
Queen Hornets
Track
Volleyball

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY SERVICE & FAMILY

INVOLVEMENT:

Community Fair
Family Literacy Night
Family Math Night
Hand Hornets Helping Serve Columbia (H3)
Parent University

MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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Hand Middle School



2018 – 2019 SIC REPORT TO FAMILIES

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We are one Hand, one voice, *servng every child every day*; and, remain committed to excellence in our five A’s: academics, arts, athletics, attendance and attitude. We do this by having high expectations and ensuring that 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



58-Junior Scholars
Arts in Basic Curriculum School
Distinguished Arts Program
USC Professional Development School

Chorus Students:

7-RSD1 Honors Choir

Band Students:

40-RSD1 Honors Band

10-Honors Jazz Band

11-SC Directors Association Region Three Band

1-SC All-State Band

1-Carnegie Hall Honors Band

Orchestra Students:

30-RSD1 Honors Orchestra

2-Midlands Region Orchestra

1-SC All State Orchestra

District Track & Field:

Boys' Team, 1st Place (6th-8th Grade)

*3rd consecutive year (7th & 8th Grade)

Girls' Team, 2nd Place (6th- 8th Grade)

School Demographics

Total Enrollment 857

52% African American

35% White

11% Other: 8% Hispanic/Latino, 4% Multi-Racial, less than 1%
American Indian/Alaskan Native, & less than 1% Native
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Test Information

2018 SC State Testing

Science PASS: 21.3% Met & 29.8% Exemplary
Social Studies PASS: 23.6% Met & 42.9% Exemplary
English SC READY: 23.3% Met & 24.0% Exceeded
Math SC Ready: 16.9% Met & 23.7% Exceeded

Students at all grade levels have many opportunities to use technology to enhance their learning. All classrooms have a SmartBoard, iPad and computers. HMS is a one-to-one school, so every student is provided opportunities to conduct research, and practice reading and math skills, using various technology platforms.

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SIC Goals

The 2018-2019 SIC at HMS continues to focus on school climate and teacher morale. In order to collect consistent data to assess progress in improving school climate, the SIC developed an annual survey that was implemented for the first time in October 2018. The principal and SIC will continue to focus its efforts on school climate. In the School Renewal Plan, there are 2 goals related to school climate:

- **Teacher Retention:** By 2024, HMS will reduce the percent of teacher turnover to 14%
- **Satisfaction with the Learning Environment:** By 2024, 92% of the 8th grade parents will report they are satisfied with HMS's learning environment.