

# 2024-2025 SIC REPORT TO FAMILIES

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*We are One Hand, One  
Voice, Serving Every Child,  
Every day.*

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## Hand Middle School

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### **School Improvement Council:**

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### **Shandon Cluster of Churches Members:**

Barbara Coe, Chair

Bethel AME  
Bible Way  
Incarnation Lutheran Church  
Shandon Baptist  
Shandon Presbyterian  
Shandon United Methodist Church  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Revealing Word Ministries

### **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 2023-2024, 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. Shayne Kinloch, SIC Chair at (803) 343-2947.

### **Clubs & Activities:**

Basketball	Queen Hornets
Cheerleading	Math Counts
Football	Men of NuVision
Mock Trial	Student Council
NJHS	Quiz Bowl
Track	Yearbook
Volleyball	Peer Tutoring
Wrestling	Unified Champions

### **Language Immersion (Chinese & Spanish)**

\*First group of students to complete the middle level Immersion Program

### **SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Enrollment: 755

50.5% African American  
31.1% White  
11.3% Hispanic/Latino  
5.4% Multi-Racial  
< 1% Asian  
< 1% Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander

### **TEST INFORMATION**

- English SCReady:  
22.7% Met; 51.5% Met/Exceeds
- Math SCReady:.  
10.7% Met; 31.0% Met/Exceeds
- Science SCReady:  
Not Rated in 2024

**[Hand State Report Card Link](#)**

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

- DHS Cluster, Bloom with the Blues
- 6th grade campus tours
- Open House
- Harvest Hope Volunteers
- Hand Hornets Helping Serve Columbia
- Weekend Backpack Program
- Parent Universities
- Jazz Band collaboration with Dreher
- NJROTC community engagement
- University of SC tutoring support
- Shandon Cluster of churches
- Walk for life
- Performing Arts 5th grade connections
- ArtBlooms, School & Community Partnership





### **School-Wide Designations:**

- Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Redesignation
- Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant Recipient
- R1 Language Immersion Program
- National Healthy School
- National School To Watch
- USC Professional Development School
- Unified Champion School

### **Department/Student Awards:**

#### **Principals List (All As) &**

#### **Academic Achievement (3.5 GPA/higher):**

6GR - 39%

7GR - 40%

8GR - 42%

#### **R1 Middle School Scholars:**

41 students - 8GR 3.5/higher GPA, 6GR-8GR  
Honors and/or GT courses  
Extra-curricular involvement  
MLK Dream Keeper Essay Contest Winner

#### **National Junior Honor Society:**

65 students - 8GR (cumulative 3.5/higher GPA  
7GR-8GR

Characteristics: Scholarship, Service, Leadership  
Character & Citizenship

#### **Art:**

1 student - District Art Show Reagan McAndrews \$200-  
Scholarship Recipient  
1 student - Best In Show ~ SC State Fair 2D: Middle  
School Division  
1 student - 1st Place ~ SC State Fair  
2D: Middle School Division

#### **Band:**

27 students - R1 Honors Band  
14 students - R1 Honors Jazz Band  
8 students - SCBDA Regional Honors Band  
1 student - SCBDA All State Honor Band  
1 student - SCGSAH Summer Program  
13 students scored Superior - SCBDA Solo and Ensemble  
(3 perfect scores)  
1 student scored Excellent - SCBDA Solo and Ensemble  
SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment of Excellent  
SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award





**Basketball:**

Boys - RSD1 Champions

Girls - RSD1 Runner Up

**Choir:**

7 Students - District Honor Choir

**Dance:**

3 Students - District Honor Dance Company

**Family & Consumer Sciences:**

State FACS Teacher of the Year

**Football:**

RSD1 2nd Place

**Orchestra:**

35 students - RSD1 Honors

10 students - Midlands Region

4 students - All State Honors

1 Student - 1st Chair, All State

Multiple Solo/Ensemble Superior and Excellent

**Theatre:**

10 students - R1 Theatre Festival

Inaugural Playwrights' Festival

**Track & Field:**

6GR Girls - R1 District Champions

6GR Boys - R1 2nd Place

7GR/8GR Boys - R1 District Champions

7GR/8GR Girls - R1 2nd Place

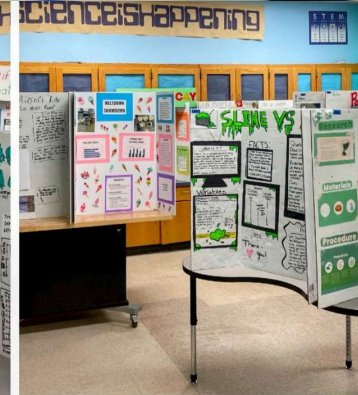
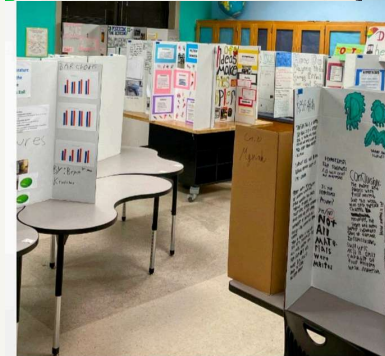
**USC Regional Science Fair:**

16 students - USC Regional Science Fair Award

3 students - Dr. Gary Allen Excellence in Scientific Communications award

**Volleyball**

District Runner Up

**Wrestling:**8 boys and 3 girls participated  
1 student finished 4th in the state



### **SIC Meetings**

Occur every 4th Thursday.  
We meet mostly virtual.  
Links and more information can be found in Dr. Green's weekly email, The Buzz.

### **SIC Goals**

Our SIC has worked tirelessly this year to continue our growth as a school. We have modified our SIC goals and are working on a new goal for next year to align more closely with our school's Renewal Plan.

### **SIC Elections**

Elections are held every Fall. We will send out a Microsoft Form to request nominations, and we will then conduct an election virtually to elect members. Any parent can serve on SIC



**Astonishing Million Word Readers**





*We are 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.*

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