

## School Organization and Contacts

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Brian Goins – Principal**  
**Victoria Dixon-Mokeba -Chair**  
**Jenna Elliot- Vice Chair**  
**Cindy Waund – Secretary**  
**James Goodwin-Student**  
**Mikayla Eady-Student**

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Falicia Harvey	SheaAaron Burns
Taj Reid	Lee Rambo
Toschia Moffett	Angela Kellett
David Edmunds	Amanda Dequatto
Leslie Snyder	Brandy Robinson
Caitlyn McMahan	Candice Greene
LaShaundra Evans	



### About this report.....

The School Improvement Council of Hand Middle School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the previous year's progress and growth, reviews the previous year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2016-2017, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mr. Brian Goins, Principal, or Mrs. Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, SIC Chair at (803) 343-2947.

## Extra-Curricular Activities



Student Council  
Art Club  
Chorus  
Honors Jazz Clinic  
Orchestra  
Solo Ensemble  
Football  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Track  
Hornet Hive



### SPECIAL PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY SERVICE & FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Future Ready  
Tech Night  
Family Math Night  
Literacy Night  
Weekend Walks

### 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



## 2016-2017 Report to Families

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**Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

We are Hand, and we have worked collaboratively to meet the following goals...

- Provide rigorous and relevant learning opportunities for all our students through Data-Driven Instruction.
- Provide opportunities for all stakeholders to develop a sense of community and ownership in our school.
- Provide opportunities for our students and staff to develop their leadership skills and talents.
- Provide the necessary structure and support to build a cohesive nest that enables our students and staff to Love Blue! Live Gold!

## School Highlights

Palmetto Gold & Silver Award Winner

2014-2015 Middle School Mock Trial:  
Regional Champions

Girls Basketball 2017 District Champs

45 Junior Scholars

48 Duke Tip Scholars

Distinguished Arts Program

Grant Recipient

Arts in Basic Curriculum School

SC Teacher of the Year - Jennifer Wise

USC Professional Development School

SC SIC 2016 Dick Riley Honor Roll Recipient

## School Demographics

ADM Enrollment 891

Grades 6 - 8

54% African American

35% White

11% Other

Poverty Index: 39%

## Testing Information

### 2015-2016 SC State Testing

Science PASS: 35.5% Exemplary & 33.7% Met

Social Studies PASS: 44.3% Exemplary & 28.5% Met

SC READY English: 27.6% Meets & 23% Exceeds

SC Ready Math: 16.2% Meets & 25.6% Exceeds

Algebra 1 EOC: 100% Passed

## Achievements

### Chorus Students:

19—RCSD1 Honor Choir

4—State ACDA Honor Choir

### Band:

2—SC All-State band

7—All-Region band

One selected to participate in the  
Carnegie Hall Honors Performance 2015

SC Band Directors Association

Concert Band—Superior Rating (2015)

### Orchestra Students:

38-RCSD1 Honors Orchestra

### Visual Arts Students:

5-selected for The Governor's School

Summer Program 2015

Drama Students competed at the SC Speech and Theatre  
Association:

- 1st in Original Dramatic Monologue

Comedic Solo and Duet Acting

- 2nd in Comedic Solo performance

Impromptu Speaking & Storytelling

## TECHNOLOGY

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

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## SIC Goals

### Highlighted strategies to achieve these goals are:

The 2016-2017 SIC at HMS continues to enhance the school climate and community. HMS is under the leadership of a new principal this year, Mr. Goins. Mr. Goins in collaboration with the SIC created goals to continue to enhance family and community partnerships. During the SIC meeting the TEAM discussed and collaborated ways to enhance **Tech Night** and **Future Ready**. The goal this year was to **include the elementary feeder schools** that would become part of the HMS family for the 2017-2018 academic school year.

**Future Ready Part I** was designed differently this year based on feedback obtained from survey results. As noted above, our goal was to extend the outreach to the community by inviting current 5<sup>th</sup> grades students and parents whose elementary schools feed into HMS.

**Technology Night** was held in collaboration with the school's parent teacher conference day. 85% of the SIC TEAM was available to greet parents as they entered through the doors while providing specific information about the Parent Portal, Remind, Edmodo and the one-to-one devices provided by the school. The parent/student access statistics show an increase from the 2015-2016 school year. We also noted an increase in attendance and participation. As a result, attendance increased by 97% from the previous year. Survey results revealed that the information presented was useful. The Hand SIC and administration are very motivated by our measurable progress toward meeting our goals. As we look forward to 2017-18, our intent is to increase student, parent and community involvement based on need and interest. Hand Middle School is **Future Ready!**