

School Organization and Contact

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ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Hand Middle School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last 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 2013-2014, 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 Mrs. Marisa Vickers, Principal, or Dr. Falicia Harvey, SIC Chair at (803) 343-2947.

Extra-Curricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Academic Team	Mock Trial
African American Promise	Recycling Club
Archery	Running/Walking Club
Athletics	Student Council
Beta Club	Teen Talk
Book Club	Terpsichore Society
Festival and Jazz Band	Tech Team
Honors Art	Tri-M Music Honor Society
Junior Honor Society	Video Production
Math Team	Yearbook Staff

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Advanced Academic Program

Leadership Enrichment Academic Program

Mathematics Education for Gifted Secondary School Students

Professional Development School in partnership with the
University of South Carolina

Single Gender

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



2013 – 2014 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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School Hours: 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

In order to maximize student learning, Hand students are empowered through their own meaningful articulation and dialogue generated by rigorous expectations, as well as instructional strategies utilizing depth of knowledge questioning. With the increasing emphasis on the common core state standards, Hand Middle School students discover the importance of interdisciplinary content connections through their own dynamic and creative exploration.

School Highlights & Awards

Hand Middle School is the home of the Hand Hornets and the Richland District One Middle Level Volunteer of the Year, Regional Mock Trial winner, 20 gold and silver national Latin winners and the Richland One editorial cartoon winner. Recognizing Hand's outstanding student academic achievement, our Palmetto Gold flag from the State Department of Education hangs proudly in the school's main foyer. Hand excels in the 5 A's-Academics, Attendance, Arts, Athletics and a great Attitude. Hand offers three foreign languages, including Spanish, Latin and Chinese. Hand is proud to be named an Arts in Basic Curriculum School integrating the arts throughout the school day. The girl's track team achieved their fifth consecutive district championship this school year.

SCHOOL AWARDS

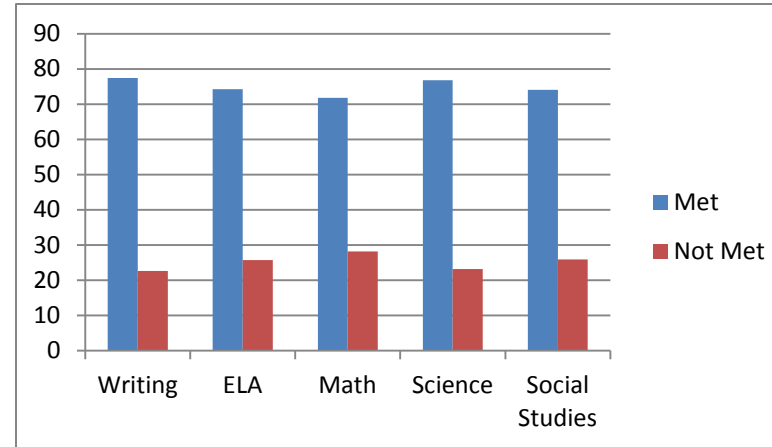
SC Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards
70 Middle School Scholars
47 Junior Scholars
10 Duke TIP Scholars
Red Carpet School
U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

School Demographics

Total Enrollment: 896
40% White
50% African American
10% Other

~ 12 National Board Certified Teachers~

Test Information



TECHNOLOGY

All rooms have a computer, a SmartBoard and a digital projector. Hand Middle School is equipped with a demonstration electronic tablet classroom. Hand Middle School also utilizes three electronic tablet mobile stations, as well as three computer labs.

MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

Distinguished Arts Program Grant

Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant

Goals for Next Year

Student Achievement

- Increase the level of rigor in courses to improve the success rate of all students to meet college and career readiness standards.
- Increase academic rigor by continued implementation of Making Middle Grades Work strategies.
- Utilize data to close achievement gaps.

School Climate

- Increase the number of positive parent contacts.
- Provide strategies for parents to reinforce at home what is learned in school.
- Provide enrichment opportunities through extracurricular activities, athletics, community service and the arts.

Teacher/ Administrator Quality

- Teachers will engage in professional learning communities in order to collaborate for instructional planning.
- Student assessment information is used to set goals and plan programs by teachers and administrators for the school.
- Celebrate the success of faculty and staff.

Hand Middle School is proud to have 100% passing rate on the end of course Algebra I test.

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