



2023-2024 SIC Report to the Parents Logan Elementary

815 Elmwood Avenue
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Mission

With the foundation of excellence in instruction, Logan Elementary is transforming lives through education and empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

What is the SIC?

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory council to the principal and the school on issues related to school improvement.

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued annually by the Logan Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Special Offerings and Initiatives

Dance Ensemble	Student Advocacy Clubs
Good News Club	Steel Drum Band
Reading Matters Volunteers	Theater Club
Safety Patrol	WLGN Student News Show

School Improvement Council Goals

Create or update the School Improvement Council bylaws.

The SIC successfully completed this goal. A sub-committee of members used the bylaws toolkit provided by the SC SIC Office and samples from schools across the state to finalize the rules and regulations that will guide the work of the SIC.

Provide input and feedback during the development of the school's five-year renewal plan

School Renewal Plans are to be developed every five years and updated annually as required by South Carolina legislation. One of the goals was to provide more input, transparency, and support during the update of the 2024-2029 renewal plan.

SIC has been working closely with school administration to ensure the goals set forth align with state requirements but also provide opportunities for growth and prioritize the needs of the Logan Elementary community.



Principal

Mr. David Copeland, Jr.

Assistant Principal

Dr. Latisha Lowery

SIC Officers

Stephanie Casana (Chair, Parent)
Sloane Birnie (Co-Chair, Parent)
Caitlin Cothran (Secretary, Parent)

Additional SIC Members

Sherrie Belton (Ex-Officio, Staff)
John Black (Community)
Allison Kingsley (Teacher)
Lauren Noesner (Parent)
Mary Polen (Teacher)
Nick Washington (Community)

Student Enrollment

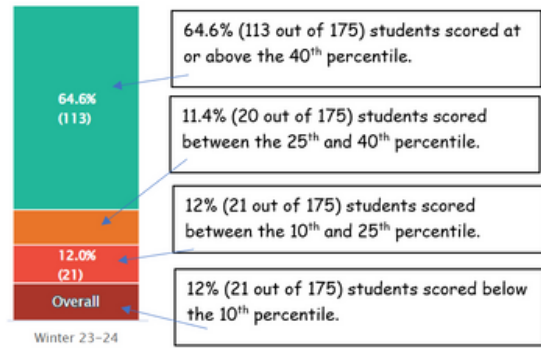
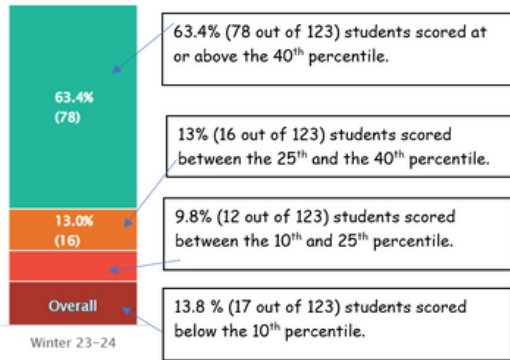
219 students

Programs/Designations

Montessori Program
Arts in Basic Curriculum Certified
Unified Champion School

STAR Test Data

STAR Reading is an assessment of reading comprehension and skills for independent readers. STAR Math is an assessment of math achievement. STAR assessments are used to monitor student growth throughout the year, to estimate students' understanding of state standards, and predict students' performance on state assessments.



Arts Integration



Logan has partnered with Arts Now, an organization that provides professional development to schools and teachers to integrate visual arts, music, dance, digital arts, and drama into academic lessons. Logan teachers participated in four professional development sessions this school year.

Studies show that access to arts integrated learning benefits all students especially those from economically disadvantaged communities and those who have expressed reluctance about learning.

Parent & Family Engagement

Logan Elementary encourages parents to be full partners in their child's education. Research shows students are more likely to perform well in school, remain in school longer, and enjoy school more when schools, families, and communities work in harmony.

Here is a reflection on parent and family engagement activities from a parent representative on SIC:

"Our family has attended several of Logan Elementary's family activities. They are so important for strengthening our school community, by allowing teachers, administrators, volunteers, students, and parents of students to interact in a fun and social setting, which allows us all to get to know each other in a more personal way. We have enjoyed seeing how teachers and staff have really tapped into their creative sides by doing things like devising a game show at Open House in which each family is on a team playing against other families; it really helps to break the ice! The "Taste" of Literacy night was a fun themed event that helped not only to instill a love of reading in our children, but combined it with the ultimate motivator for us all: FOOD! Our family puts a high value on these events and appreciates all the time and hard work that goes into them, not to mention that these events are just such a joy to participate in! Especially coming out of a global pandemic, where previously this in-person engagement was not safely able to happen, these events are a vital way to connect with each other and enhance engagement within the school community."

-Lauren Noesner

