

School Achievements

For the first time since the pandemic, the school was able to host their annual holiday production which included the fifth-grade students and orchestra members.

Also, because of last year's incredible work by the 2nd grade instructors, there are more 3rd graders in AAP courses than ever before.

Advocacy groups led by various instructors have helped students find their voices this year and learn new ways to be leaders.

5th graders were able to get a taste of college life when they visited Benedict College earlier this school year. Many left with a newfound passion to become a tiger one day.

This year also has seen Sandel's librarian hosting morning announcements with students as live broadcasters offering the daily weather, the schedule for the day, and leading the school in the Pledge of Allegiance.

William S. Sandel also has a 3K program now.

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Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the William S. Sandel 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."

William S. Sandel

Elementary School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2022-23



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Mission Statement

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

SIC Annual Goals

The School Improvement Council has continued to strive to strengthen relationships between the school, community, and parents during the 2022-23 school year. At the beginning of the school year, we surveyed parents/guardians to find out what areas they felt needed the most improvement. An astounding number of parents/guardians were satisfied with their communication with teachers and felt that they had a good relationship with their student's instructors. In the upcoming school years, we hope to see a lot more opportunities for engagement as the Covid numbers continue to dwindle!

Here at William S. Sandel, we acknowledge that transparency is key. While the most recent S.C. School Report card's scores are not what we have hoped for, we are striving to make change here on the river. One of the biggest takeaways that we have gotten from the report is that there seems to be a connection between the number of hours that students and teachers are present and the scores. We're hoping that given that the truancy numbers are down this year from last, that the test scores will be higher this year. Please understand that standardized tests are not indicative of student achievement. Pay attention to how your child bloomed this year. Some of our students made strides and expanded their worlds in ways that the data will not show.

"For more information, you may view William S. Sandel's S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov."

This school year the school has hosted:

- Comprehensive Remediation Program afterschool
 - Saturday Academy
 - Father Daughter Dance
 - Mother Son Dance
 - Advocacy Clubs
 - Black History Program and Fashion Show
 - Guest speakers including authors and program organizers.
 - Parent Café's
 - Community Closet
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Student Achievement

Additional Information