

2025-2026 SIC Members

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Ms. Saqueena Shand – Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Parent Representative: Mrs. Lauren Duck

Community Representatives:

Mr. Jesse Black and Mrs. Brandolyn Pinkston

Teachers: Mrs. Kristen Anderson and Ms. Shanika McKinley

Ex officio members: Dr. Monica Adams, Principal, Dr. Cicely Maxwell, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Anniesha Daley-Dixon, Assistant Principal

ABOUT THIS REPORT:

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Carver-Lyon Elementary School has prepared this annual school report for parents and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores and describes plans for improvements this year along with other information about programs and activities, awards and recognitions for students and teachers. The report will also provide general information about the SIC's goals and progress made to achieve improvements. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact our principal, Dr. Monica Adams or, our SIC Chair Ms. Saqueena Shand at (803) 343- 2900.

Extra-Curricular and Community Activities

Community involvement includes: Real Men Read, Girls Empowerment Summit, Career Fair, Foster Grandparents, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated Readers, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Food Donations, University of South Carolina CAP Program, Allen University Student Teachers and Student Interns, March of Dimes, Open House, Health Fair with Columbia Links and Columbia College, Schoolwide Parades: Chinese New Year, Black History Month, and Mardi Gras.

As part of the school's wellness initiatives: Carver-Lyon supports March of Dimes, participates in Columbia College Wellness in Action Festival and implements healthful activities school during our annual field day event.

Student Clubs and activities include: Writing Club Reading Club, Cheerleading Club, Drama Club, Music Club, STEM Club, Dance Club, Math Club, Computer Club, Spanish Club, French Club, Mandarin Club, Student Advocacy Day, Community Service Club

Special programs include: Richland One Language Immersion including Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese instruction, Full-Day Child Development Classes, Spanish and Mandarin for PreK-5th grade students, CRP-After School Tutoring Program, DARE, and a dedicated Parent and Family Engagement Specialist.

Carver-Lyon Elementary School

Home of the Richland One Language Immersion Program



2025 – 2026 SIC Report to Parents

Our school is proudly located in the historic Waverly Area of Columbia, SC.

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Message from SIC Chair, Ms. Saqueena Shand

The School Improvement Council would like to express its thanks and appreciation to all of Carver-Lyon's teachers, administrators, and staff for all of their hard work and dedication during the 2025-2026 school year. We also want to recognize and thank all parents, who are a key part of Carver-Lyon's success. Let's continue to be great to strive for success.

School Highlights

Highlights and Programs: Spanish and Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Program (Pre-K – 5th Grades), French Language Immersion Program (3rd – 4th Grades), Clubs, YMCA Aftercare, Awards Ceremonies, Student Council, SOAR Summer Program.

Technological Advancements: One-to-One Digital Learning Environment, all classrooms have SMARTBoards.

Teacher Highlights: Two National Board Certified Teachers, Degrees range from BAs to PhDs, 96% of Teachers Highly Qualified, over 55 % of teachers have advanced degrees, over 20 countries represented in the Language Immersion Program. Our 2025-2026 Classified Employee of the Year is Ms. Yvette Bell and Ms. Zhaci Jones is our 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Zhaci Jones was selected as the 2025-2026 District Teacher of the Year.

Language Immersion Program

To prepare our language immersion students to be leaders and global citizens, they will be immersed in a foreign language using a biliteracy model. Students will learn to read, write, speak and understand in both English and a second language by spending 50% of their instructional day immersed in a foreign language. (We currently offer a choice of French, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish.) A balanced literacy approach will be taught through developmentally appropriate content driven thematic units in both English and a foreign language. Connections between language and everyday lives will guide students to see themselves as not only bilingual communicators, but also as leaders and global citizens.

Academic Information

According to the 2025 SC Annual School Report Card, the percentage of 3rd – 5th grade students who scored “Met” or “Exemplary” SC READY ELA and SC READY Math were: 55.5% in ELA and 36.8% in Math. Our SC School Report Card Overall Rating of Average shows our Student Progress School performance met the criteria to ensure all students meet the [Profile of the SC Graduate](#). For more information, you may view Carver-Lyon’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at <https://screportcards.com/>

STAR Reading and iReady Math is a Universal Screener that is given to students throughout the year. The STAR and iReady assessments provide data that helps educators inform instructional decisions, including next steps, throughout the year.

Goals and Improvements

We strive to be a school where caring and knowledgeable adults teach children to love learning, and to become honorable and responsible citizens and leaders of both the local and global communities. As such, the SIC has adopted the following vision and mission going forward: *At Carver-Lyon, our SIC seeks to nurture and educate the whole child by supporting their mental, social, physical, academic, and esteem health within an equitable environment.*

During the 2025-2026 Carver-Lyon’s School Improvement Plan provided a parent information session on SC READY Testing and has provided information regarding the safe usage of technology. We plan to continue to provide opportunities:

- To boost parent and community engagement.
- To foster more positive Parent-Teacher-Administration relations.
- To increase SC Ready Reading and Math scores by 10%.
- This year the SIC was able to engage parents with a SC READY Parent Information Session.
- Provide parents with information regarding safe usage of technology.

Richland One School district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, sex, age, lineage or national origin in its programs or activities.