

School Improvement Council Members

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About this report....

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Dent Middle School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2023-2024 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. Tamala M Ashford Principal, or Dr. Genine Blue, SIC Chair, at (803) 699-2750 ext. 72001

Dent Middle School Vision:

Dent Middle School is a place where positive **RELATIONSHIPS** are evident, **PARTNERSHIPS** are maximized and **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** is top priority for every student every day.

Academics and Extracurricular Activities

Academic Programs

The Learning Collaborative (TLC) - Serving highly motivated, high achieving students from across the district, TLC is the oldest magnet program in the district.

The TWO Academies (TWO) —The TWO Academies is the first public, single-gender program in South Carolina. Teachers provide differentiated instruction and use gender specific strategies to target the learning needs of each student.

Diamond Scholars Academy (DSA) — The Diamond Scholars Academy is our traditional learning program that engages middle level students with high quality, technology rich instruction in a traditional learning environment.

Fine Arts and Media Enrichment (FAME) - Through FAME, students are able to participate in various fine arts and technology electives to include band, orchestra, chorus, dance, graphic arts, computer graphics, world drumming and dance.



Clubs, Programs and Activities:

AVID * Basketball * Football * Soccer
Volleyball * Cheerleading * Chess * Blue Diamond Gents
* Blue Diamond Digest News Team * Model UN
Dent Dance Company * Gills Creek Water Shed Club
SHINE After School Program * Girls on the Run * Junior
Beta Club * JS2S * Latin Club * Lego Robotics MATH-
COUNTS! Mathletes * Mock Trial * Quiz Whiz One
Voice Chorus * Recycling Club * World Drumming Band
* Student Government * Young Ladies of Excellence *
Dungeons and Dragons



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Dent Middle, in partnership with its students, families, and community, provides each student a comprehensive, quality education in a supportive environment by offering relevant, challenging learning experiences that prepare students to become responsible individuals and citizens.

School Hours

8:20 a.m.—3:15 p.m.

Student Enrollment — 1,100

School Highlights & Partnerships

As the oldest school in Richland School District Two, Dent Middle School has a long history of excellence, and we continue to pride ourselves on the success of our students and faculty. Our talented staff and students have received numerous awards and have been recognized repeatedly.

Our Math Counts Club won Gold Level School status in the National Math Club.

Our Boys Soccer Team won the Richland 2 District Championship for the fourth year in a row for 2023—2024

39 students were recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education as South Carolina Junior Scholars

Dent Middle School students and staff contribute to the American Heart Association which supports and funds research.

Dent Middle Schools faculty contributed to the United Way Campaign in the fall of 2023.

Dent Middle School and Principal Tamala Ashford would like to thank our students, parents, staff, SIC, PTO and the Dentsville community for the continued support. A special thank you goes to Richland School District Two Board of Trustees, our Superintendent Dr. Kim Moore, and the Richland Two District Staff for your valuable assistance.

Dent Middle School Partnerships Include:

Forward City Church
Rhodes Branding
Shandon Baptist Church
North Trenholm Baptist Church
United Way of the Midlands
National Coalition of 100 Black Women

Student Information

54% African American
16% White
7% Asian
19% Hispanic
4% Other

Awards and Recognitions

**Dent Middle was named Certified Demonstration School
by Magnet Schools of America 2022—2025**

**Dent Middle School was Re-Designated as a National
Schools to Watch by the National Forum for Middle
Grades**

**Dent Middle was named National Beta School of Distinc-
tion and National Beta School of Merit by the National
Beta Club**

**Dent Middle School has earned AVID Site of Distinction
by the AVID Center.**



**Dent Middle School has been identified as a Title 1
school based on the economic needs of our families.**

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

Dent Middle is an AVID School Wide School. We offer AVID as a tool to help students develop the skills needed to be successful in college and their chosen career pathway. AVID is a curricular program dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other post-secondary opportunities with a special emphasis on growing writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization and reading skills.



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on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin,
sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic*

SIC Annual Goals

Student Achievement

Continue to be committed to:

providing a character and academic mentoring program aimed at encouraging students' success through partnerships with feeder elementary and high schools.

analyzing multiple sources of data to identify trends and areas of need in an effort to make data-driven decisions regarding instructional practices.

creating a rigorous environment that challenges every student and prepares them for high school.

utilizing a variety of strategies to support continuous improvement, to include Response to Intervention for students.

School Climate

providing a personalized learning environment for students that provides opportunities to design, innovate, and collaborate.

expanding upon existing transition efforts for students and parents into Dent Middle School and into high school to include partnerships with feeder elementary schools, high schools, and Ft. Jackson schools.

providing enrichment opportunities through extra-curricular activities, athletics, service learning, experiential opportunities, and celebrations of student success.

Teacher/Administrator Quality

focusing on providing meaningful and relevant professional development for all faculty/staff through our innovation and collaboration professional development series.

targeting professional development to ensure literacy skills are taught across all content areas.

Parents/Community

expanding alliances with families and the community in an effort to build our job shadowing and career exploration opportunities.

Expanding the marketing plan and initiatives to engage parents and community at Dent Middle School.

Involve stakeholders in school strategic planning.