



2025-2026

SIC Annual Report



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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

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 Status in the National Math Club
- 37 students were recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education as South Carolina Junior Scholars
- TWO Academies magnet program received Magnet Schools of America Merit Award of Distinction
- The Learning Collaborative magnet program received Magnet Schools of America Merit Award of Excellence
- Dent Middle School is recognized as a National Schools to Watch by the National Forum for Middle Grades
- 4 students earned a perfect score on SCREADY Tests for the 2025 school year.
- Our Student Council won first place in Middle School Projects at the South Carolina Association of Student Councils State Convention.

OUR MISSION & VISION

Mission: 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.

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.



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)- is the first public, single-gender program in South Carolina. Teachers provide differentiated instruction and use gender-specific strategies to target each student's learning needs.

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 Media Enrichment (FAME)- Through FAME, students can participate in various fine arts and technology electives, including band, orchestra, chorus, dance, graphic arts, computer graphics, world drumming, and theater.



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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

53.1 % AFRICAN AMERICAN

16% CAUCASION

19.8% HISPANIC

6.2% ASIAN

4.6% OTHER



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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

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 the 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
- Global Partners

SIC ANNUAL GOALS AND INITIATIVES

- **Student Achievement:** Continue to be committed to 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:** Continue to provide enrichment opportunities through extracurricular activities, athletics, service learning, experiential opportunities, and celebrations of student success.
- **Teacher/Administrator Quality:** Continue to focus on providing meaningful and relevant professional development for all faculty/staff through our innovation and collaboration professional development series.
- **Parents/Community:** Continue to expand alliances with families and the community in an effort to build our job shadowing and career exploration opportunities. Expand the marketing plan and initiatives to engage parents and community at Dent Middle School. Involve stakeholders in school strategic planning.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

OFFICERS

MERIDITH GOLDSTEIN
TITANIA FRAZIER
DAWNASIA SMITH

PARENTS

RACHEL DENT
CHERISE PARSON
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