

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 2019—2020, 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 Ms Stacy Johnson, 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, digital keyboarding, graphic arts, computer graphics, world drumming and dance.



Clubs, Programs and Activities:

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



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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

7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Student Enrollment — 1,200

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.

Dent Middle School teacher Dr. Tim Hicks was recognized as the 2020 South Carolina History Teacher of the Year.

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

We look forward to another rewarding school year focused on our goal of providing an environment where all students can achieve academic success and become ideal 21st century SC graduates.

Dent Middle School Partnerships Include:

Forward City Church

Rhodes Branding

Shandon Baptist Church

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

United Way of the Midlands

National Coalition of 100 Black Women

Student Information

62% African American
16% White
6% Asian
11% Hispanic
3% Other

Awards and Recognitions

Dent Middle was named a 2021 National Schools to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform

Dent Middle was named National Beta School of Merit by the National Beta Club

Dent Middle was named Magnet School of Distinction by the Magnet Schools of America



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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Goals for the Next School Year

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.

providing engaging and meaningful opportunities to prepare students for the 21st Century.

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