

## School Organizations and Contacts

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## Extracurricular Activities

Basketball  
Boys and Girls Club  
Building Bridges to Success  
Cheerleading  
Civil Air Patrol  
Football  
Girls of Leadership and Distinction (GOLD)  
Girls on Track  
Junior Beta Club  
Latin Club  
Lego Robotics  
MATHCOUNTS! Team  
Soccer  
Steel Drum Band  
TLC—TWO After School Program  
Volleyball  
Youth Action Council



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## Dent Middle School



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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  
7:30 a.m.—2:25 p.m.

**Student Enrollment — 1,340**  
**Grades 6th—8th**

## School Highlights & Awards

Dent Middle School is the birthplace of educational excellence in Richland School District Two. Originally opened in 1926, the school was a pillar in the agricultural community of northeast Columbia. As the current home of approximately 1,340 students, our dynamic and diverse student body has a rich cultural background, representing multiple countries. Generations of families have graduated from the district's original school, a high school, a junior high school, and now a state-of-the-art middle school.

### Magnets

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—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.

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, and dance.

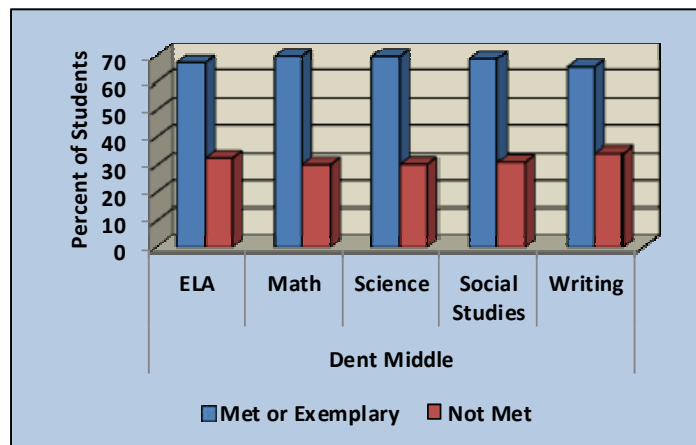
## Student Information

64% African American  
22% White  
4% Asian  
6% Hispanic  
4% Other

70 Teachers

20 National Board Certified

## Test Scores



### Technology

All classrooms have Internet capabilities with access to multiple computers and a SmartBoard. We have several computer labs for student use and have moved to a 1 to 1 (1 TWO 1) computing format in the sixth and seventh grades where every student has a ChromeBook for the instructional day. In addition, we have classroom sets of laptop computers for students to check out and take home as well as a classroom set of iPads. We look forward to expanding our 1 TWO 1 computer initiative to the eighth grade during the 2013—2014 school year.

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## Goals for the Next School Year

- ◇ Design lessons that increase student engagement through the Richland Two framework.
- ◇ Expand alliances with parent, community, and business stakeholders.
- ◇ Fine tune co-curricular offerings to support students' needs.
- ◇ Provide professional development to increase student engagement in existing and new technology.
- ◇ Expand 1 TWO 1 ChromeBook program to eighth grade.
- ◇ Facilitate effective and timely communication between the school and stakeholders.
- ◇ Support faculty, staff, and students to ensure a culture of high expectations.

### Major Grants Received

The PEP Grant program, authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is intended to assist agencies to initiate, expand, or enhance physical education programs and partnerships that promote lifelong physical activity practices and healthy eating habits. Grant support includes providing professional development and training for staff, incorporating evidence-based physical education and nutrition education curricula, and providing cognitive, social, cooperative skill-building activities.