

## School Organizations and Contacts

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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, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2016-2017, 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. Marianne Preudhomme, 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.

## Extracurricular Activities

### Clubs, Programs and Activities:

AVID \* Basketball \* Football \* BETA Club \* Soccer  
Volleyball \* Cheerleading \* Blue Diamond Gents  
Blue Diamond Digest News Team \* Boys and Girls Club  
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 \* TLC—TWO After School Program



### 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**—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, world drumming and dance.

**Diamond Scholars Academy**— 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.



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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 — 1,215**

**Grade 6th—8th**

## School Highlights & Awards

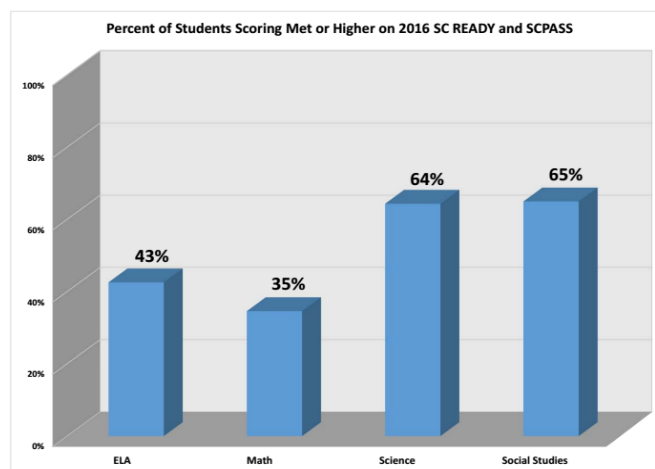
As the oldest school in Richland School District Two, Dent Middle School has a long history of excellence, and we continue to pride ourselves on the success of our students and faculty. Learning is personalized through the implementation of one-to-one technology, project-based learning, and focused professional development. Our teachers were active participants in personalized learning through focused professional development and the resources provided by the CCEL grant. Increased focus on numeracy, best practices, and professional collaborative learning communities improved instructional practices at Dent Middle School. Using MAP testing in the Fall, we followed student growth and determined strengths and weaknesses prior to state testing. All students and teachers engaged in goal setting, celebrating those who met their goals or made gains toward those goals. Our continued partnership with our parents and community help to develop our future South Carolina graduates and world leaders. Our SIC, PTO, volunteering opportunities, and business partnerships continued to grow over the year, increasing parent and community involvement. In a partnership with NASA and Regal Cinemas, all students were given the opportunity to travel to a local theater to view *Hidden Figures*. A senior systems analyst from NASA visited Dent to share her expertise, experiences, and wisdom. We celebrated Earth Day with an inaugural "Beautify the Boulevard" event in which the entire community was invited for a service learning experience. Our talented staff and students have received numerous awards and have been recognized repeatedly. Fifty students were named Junior scholars. Dent Middle won Gold Level School status in the National Math Club and the Champions of the Environment Award from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. We also were awarded the Richland County Conservation Grant for water testing supplies. 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.

## Student Information

60% African American  
21% White  
8% Asian  
9% Hispanic  
2% Other

**14 National Board Certified Teachers**

## Test Scores



### Technology

1TWO1 Chromebook, Technology Learning Coach, Technology Focus Team, SMARTBoards in every classroom, Blogging, Edmodo, Google Classroom, Coding Club

### AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

In order to assist all of our students, we offer AVID as an option of choice. AVID is a curricular program dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other post-secondary opportunities.

### Major Grants Received

Race to the Top, Carolina Consortium for Enterprise Learning (CCEL) Federal Grant.

*Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities.*

## 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 parents and community at Dent Middle School.