

## School Organizations and Contacts

### School Improvement Council Members

Marty Roth, Parent - Chairperson  
Quincy Norman - Fort Jackson Partner  
Johanna Boyd - Community Member  
Bobby Cunningham - Assistant Principal  
Melanie Dotson  
Maire Dugan - Teacher  
Randall R. Gary - Principal  
Andrea Hemingway - Parent  
Ciji Kuhlmann, Teacher - Secretary  
Katie Manning - Teacher  
Robyn Owens - Parent  
Christal Robinson - Social Worker

### Parent Teacher Organization

Melanie Dotson - PTO President  
Randall R. Gary - Principal  
Stephanee Seay  
Lindsay Agostini  
Chris Hobensack  
Wyndi Green  
Michelle Hogue  
Annette Halter  
Gina Janvrin  
Deb McLean  
Heather Presna  
Mark Sims  
John Galbary  
Suzanne O'Dell  
Cathy Stinson  
Carrie Michael  
Patrice Ravindra  
Cathy Delk  
Amelie Cromer  
Lynn Thomas  
Diana Williams  
Carole Coveney  
Kyle Meetze

## Extracurricular Activities

MATHCOUNTS! Team  
Steel Drum Band  
Junior Beta Club  
Young Men of Distinction  
Delta Academy  
Football  
Basketball  
Volleyball  
Soccer  
Cheerleading  
Girls on Track  
Civil Air Patrol  
MATHCOUNTS! Team  
Youth Action Council  
Latin Club  
Lego Robotics  
Boys and Girls Club  
Communities in Schools of the Midlands  
TLC - TWO After School Program  
Building Bridges to Success



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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 - 1,232**  
**Grades - 6th - 8th**

## School Highlights & Awards

Dent Middle School is the birthplace of educational excellence in Richland School District Two. Originally opening in 1926, the school was a pillar in the agricultural community of northeast Columbia. As the home of nearly 1300 students, our dynamic and diverse student body has a rich cultural background, representing twenty-two 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.

### Red Carpet Award

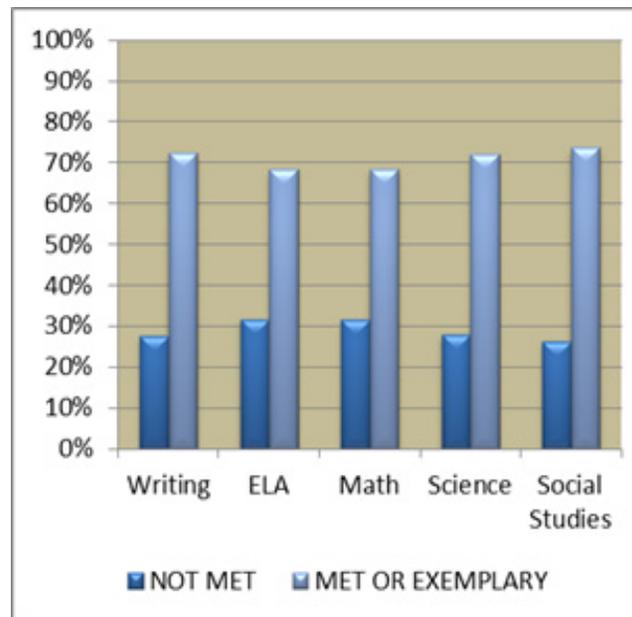
Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award Finalist  
MATHCOUNTS! State Champions

## Student Information

63% African American  
23% White  
5% Asian  
6% Hispanic  
3% Other

73 Teachers  
(19 National Board Certified)

## PASS Test Scores



## Technology

All classrooms are internet accessible and have a SmartBoard. We have three computer labs for student use and classroom sets of laptop computers for students to use at school and check out to take home. We have a classroom set of iPads. In addition, we promote one-on-one computing in our ITEC Social Studies Classes (one at each grade level).

*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

- ◇ Design lessons that increase student engagement through the Working on the Work frame work
- ◇ SIC Focus/Goals Expand access to a variety of technology to include iPads, iPods, digital books, and other educational technology.
- ◇ Fine tune Codurricular offerings to support students' needs
- ◇ Provide professional development to increase student engagement in existing and new technology.
- ◇ Evaluate all programs to determine areas to improve.
- ◇ Facilitate effective and timely communication between the school and stakeholders
- ◇ Evaluate and update safety procedures and practices in order to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment.

### 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 to help students meet their state standards for physical education. Grantees are expected to develop and implement effective 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.