

School Improvement Council

Our SIC is an advisory council to the school principal and school consisting of parents, teachers, and community members. Monthly meetings focus on issues related to school improvement.

Elected

Evangelina Hemphill, SIC Chair
Monica Lawton, SIC Vice Chair
Michelle Hawkins, Secretary
Quinne Evans, Parent
Casey Avant, Teacher

Appointed

Lydea Proctor, Community member
Edward Griffin, Community member

Additional Members include:

Dorwoah Counts, Parent
Pamela Ball, Parent

Ex-Officio

Katie Barber, Principal
Jessie Williams, Assistant Principal

Parent Teacher Organization representative:

Sarah Venn, President

Leader in Me

Leader in Me (LiM) is an evidence-based, comprehensive school improvement model—developed in partnership with educators—that empowers students with the leadership and life-skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

Our School Improvement Council plays a key role in the development of student leadership at Pontiac by also serving as our Parent Lighthouse Team. This team brainstorms ideas on how they can promote and enhance the Leader in Me model within Pontiac and at home. Each meeting agenda for this team is aligned with the Leader in Me principles, culture, leadership, and academics.

Student Leadership Opportunities:

- Recycling Club
- Student Lighthouse Team
- AVID Ambassadors
- Flag Patrol, Pledge Leaders, and Safety Patrol
- Project HOPE
- News Show
- Wake Up Wednesday
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- Tech Ambassadors



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Our Vision

We will strive to create a community of joyful leaders and learners where everyone feels valued through meaningful collaboration, effective communication, and an appreciation of individual strengths.

School Hours
Office Hours : 7:30am-4:00pm
School Hours: 8:00am-2:50pm
Total student enrollment = 696
Serving students in grades 3 years-5th grade

SIC Highlights and Partnerships

SIC Partnerships include:

United Way of the Midlands

Richland Public Library

Columbia Fireflies

120th Battalion at Fort Jackson

Pontiac Parent/Teacher Organization

Grace Presbyterian

During the 2018-2019 school year, our School Improvement Council was recognized as an Honor Roll school for the work we did as an SIC, particularly focusing on student achievement in the area of literacy. Our SIC members mailed out letters to more than 50 community partners in hopes to secure funds, increase reading volunteers, and create awareness around our goal of increasing literacy initiatives at Pontiac. We held two family literacy events to support literacy in homes. The team will continue to find creative ways to support literacy efforts for our school.

Student Information

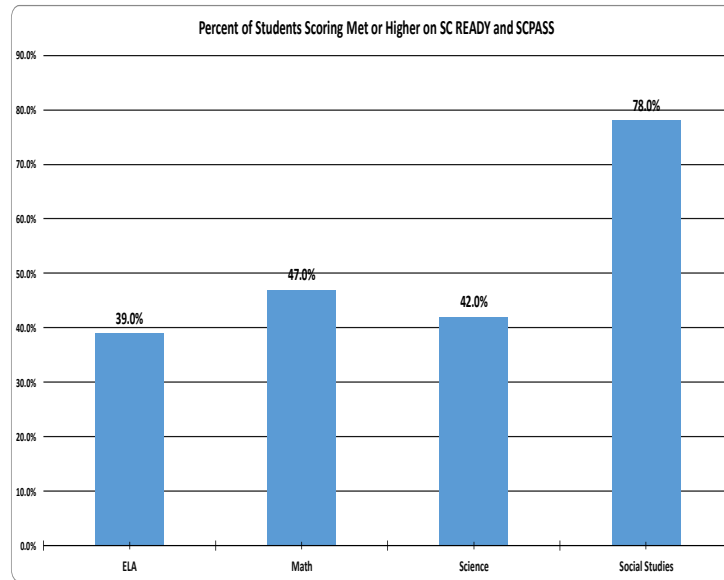
Percentage of:

African American	54%
White	22%
Asian	4%
Hispanic	15%
Other	5%

Number of teachers 57

Number of National Board Certified 8

Test Scores



School Improvement Council Annual Goals

To increase student achievement in the area of literacy through the work of continued community partnerships.

To develop leadership skills in students by utilizing Stephen Covey's Leader in Me framework.

To create a culture of college and career readiness.

To promote a partnership among students, parents, school, and the community.

To provide a college scholarship to a graduating senior at a Richland Two high school that attended Pontiac Elementary as a 5th grader.

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Our Beliefs

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe it is important to foster leadership by developing each student's full potential.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that communication and collaboration lead to success.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that critical thinking will help prepare our students to be global citizens.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that school safety is a shared responsibility.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that building community within our school creates a trusting learning environment.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe in creating awareness of college and career opportunities.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that real world connections inspire our students to achieve their personal best.