School Organizations and Contacts

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) serves in advisory to the principal and is focused on helping to achieve school improvement. The SIC is comprised of parents, community partners and staff; members are elected and appointed. They support:

- All-school wide initiatives
- Student achievement
- School climate
- Beautification projects
- School & community partnerships

School Improvement Council
Christina Freeman – Parent (Chair)
Ashley Grant - Parent (Co-Chair)
Kelley Dinkins - Teacher (Secretary)
Dee Barlee- Community Member (and Parent)
Darlene Hagood - Community Member
Alexis Jenkins - Teacher
Dr. Whitney Prowell - Principal
Dr. Takeela Bates - Assistant Principal
Mr. Trenton Murner - Assistant Principal

Sandlapper's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a group of parents, staff, and teachers who work to support Sandlapper Elementary in every way. Their accomplishments include:

- Sponsoring the Annual Family Dance
- Raising Funds to Support Treasure Chest and Student Leadership
- Raising Funds to Provide Classroom Supplies and Assist with Field Studies
- Coordinating Volunteers for Special Events, Classroom Assistance, Treasure Chest, and More
- Providing Meals & Gifts for Faculty/Staff

Parent/Teacher Organization
Geniece Bailey, President
Ashley Nesmith, Vice President

School Highlights

Sandlapper CSiS Elementary | Computer Science Immersion School

Clubs and Teams

Star Ambassadors
Book Competition Team
National Junior BETA Club
Robotics Team
Sandlapper Live Morning News Show
Star Tech Squad
Student Council

Special Programs

One to One Computing (K-5)
Small Group Reading & Math Interventions (K-5)
21st CCLC CyberStars (Afterschool & Summer Program)

Family & Community Programs

Military Families (Support Groups, Clubs and Special Events)
Academic Celebrations
Ongoing Family Events
Literacy and Math Nights
PTO Family Events
STARCon Events
Boys & Girls Club

Sandlapper Elementary



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At Sandlapper, we have high expectations for joyful learning, creative thinking, positive leadership and limitless opportunities.

Daily School Hours:
7:40 AM- 2:40 PM
Monday through Friday

Highlights and Awards

We are proud of our fine school community. Sandlapper is a school of the future where students thrive. We share a vision of excellence in a safe, nurturing environment where children feel important and understand their roles as learners and contributing citizens.

We practice student leadership, proactive and positive behavior and engagement while reaching for the highest potential in academics. Through hands-on learning, technology integration, arts experiences, differentiated instruction and service learning, as well as many other features and programs, our Sandlapper Stars soar with learning to the highest level!

Awards & Recognitions

2026 Magnet School of Excellence
2025 Certified National Magnet School
2025 Good Report Card Rating
2025 Merit School of Distinction
2024 Merit School of Distinction (MSA)
2023 Merit School of Distinction (MSA)
2022 Excellent Report Card Rating
2022 MSA Student Poster Contest Winner
2022 New & Emerging Merit Award of Excellence (MSA)
2022 Merit School of Excellence (MSA)
2022 SC ASCD Whole Child Award Finalist
2 South Carolina ASCD Emerging Leaders

Student Information

Ethnicity Distribution:
African American: 478
Asian: 18
Hispanic/Latino: 59
American Indian: 2
Two or More Races: 40
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 1
White: 33

Number of Certified Teachers: 58

SC School Report Card

2024-2025 Overall Rating

Good
55

School performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

Good
20.98/ 35
Points earned

Good
Student Progress Rating

Average
Academic Achievement Rating

Average
18.1/ 35
Points earned

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SIC & School Goals

Sandlapper's School Improvement Council (SIC) creates yearly goals to build communication and a partnership between school and parents. The SIC created the following goals:

- Support administration and faculty.
- Encourage parents to join and participate in SIC meetings to plan school improvements.
- Improve student attendance



Sandlapper Elementary is helping all students develop the world class skills and life & career characteristics of the "Profile of the SC Graduate" by:

- Emphasizing student leadership, igniting excitement for learning as well as maintaining a positive, safe to provide meaningful teaching and learning
- Focusing on student engagement through staff development and improving our design of curriculum and student work, embracing the state standards
- Embracing the 1TW01 technologies, continuing to design for student engagement and application utilizing the technology that can customize learning and connect students to their greater world through Computer Science
- Measuring and tracking academic progress on a regular and meaningful basis to inform instruction and build student accountability
- Increasing parental and community involvement in our positive environment, student leadership and other initiatives