

## 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

Elaine Wright – Chair  
 Christiana Freeman – Co-Chair  
 Kelley Dinkins – Secretary  
 Kenneth Thomas – Community Member  
 Homer Torrance – Community Member  
 Labretta Hall-Jacobs – Teacher  
 Dr. Matthew Wilson – Teacher  
 Dr. Whitney Prowell – Principal  
 Dawn Smith – Assistant Principal  
 Dr. Travis Keller – 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



### Clubs and Teams

Book Competition Team  
 FLIGHT Mentoring Group  
 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)  
 Shining Stars:  
 Character Education Recognition  
 21st CCLC CyberStars  
 (Afterschool & Summer Program)

### Family & Community Programs

Military Families  
 (Support Groups, Clubs and Special Events)  
 Academic Celebrations  
 Ongoing Family Events  
 Computer Science Nights  
 (Arts, Literacy, Math, and Science Integrations)  
 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

- 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:

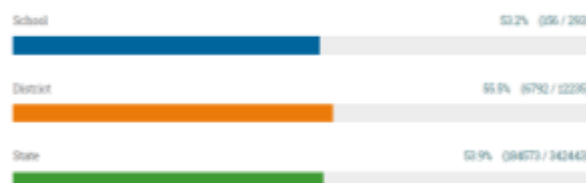
African American: 524  
Asian: 20  
Hispanic: 53  
Two or more races: 44  
White: 45

Number of Teachers: 58  
Number of National Board Certified: 8

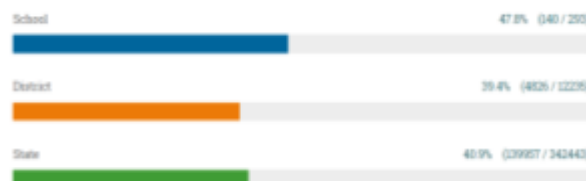
## Test Scores

### Overall Student Performance

#### SC Ready English Language Arts and Mathematics English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) - Percent Met or Exceeding



#### Mathematics - Percent Met or Exceeding



Average

Academic  
Achievement  
Rating



Average  
18.14/ 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.
- Implement an annual community service project to serve the Sandlapper community.



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