



2024-2025 Report to Parents

Prepared by the School Improvement Council



Mission

With the foundation of excellence in instruction, Logan Elementary is transforming lives through education and empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

What is the SIC?

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory council to the principal and the school on issues related to school improvement.

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued annually by the Logan Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Get Involved

The SIC meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in the Logan Library. SIC meetings are open to all. Notice of the meetings are included in the weekly school e-newsletter. Elections for representatives and officers are held during the first quarter of the school year. For more information, visit logan.richlandone.org or email Sherrie Belton at sherrie.belton@richlandone.org.

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School Highlights

Logan Elementary is a small community school located in downtown Columbia, SC. Our current enrollment is **240 students**. Our vision is to equip our students with the necessary tools to develop world-class skills as outlined by the South Carolina Profile of a Graduate..

Demographic Characteristics	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Percent Ethnicity - Black	76.1	71	69.3	69.3	66.3
Percent Ethnicity - White	18.7	21.4	24.4	22.8	27.5
Percent Ethnicity - Other	5.2	7.6	6.3	7.9	6.2
Percent Poverty Index	79.3	75.9	73.2	70.4	68.9
Percent Special Education	19.1	14.3	18	12.7	9
Percent Limited English Proficient	0	1.3	0.9	1	0.5

2 **Approaches to Instruction**
Logan has a school-within-a-school model. Our school offers high quality instruction in **traditional** and **Montessori** classes. Logan also integrates the arts into instruction.

5 **Arts Ensembles**
Logan is excelling in the arts. Our school offers **5 arts ensembles** in addition to the Related Arts classes. Students can participate in dance, strings, steel band, theater, and chorus.

17 **Family Engagement Activities**
Logan Elementary encourages parents/guardians to be full partners in their child's education. Our school is proud to offer families a variety of opportunities to celebrate learning together. So far this school year, our school has hosted **17 family engagement activities**.

24 **Advocacy Clubs**
Logan offers **24 special interest clubs** (facilitated by certified and classified staff) to foster a sense of belonging and to strengthen student-staff relationships.

Report Card Data

SC School Report Cards provide information about test performance, teacher qualifications, student safety, awards, parent involvement, and more. Overall ratings are measured on a 5-point scale of unsatisfactory, below average, average, good, and excellent. Logan is proud to have moved from an overall rating of **average to good** on the 2024 School Report Card.

	2022	2023	2024
Overall Rating	Average	Average	Good

[Click here to view the full Report Card.](#)

SIC Goals

Goal 1: Increase parent engagement at all school events, but especially events focused on literacy, by implementing strategies that encourage participation and fostering a sense of community.

Key Activities:

- SIC connected the school with a children's author who led a virtual author visit at Fall Family Night.
- SIC piloted a Room Parent Program, an initiative where parents are paired with a homeroom to champion parental involvement and provide assistance to the teacher. Volunteers can be matched with any homeroom teacher in the school who desires additional support.



Goal 2: Complete and distribute the Annual Report to Parents to provide a comprehensive overview of the school.

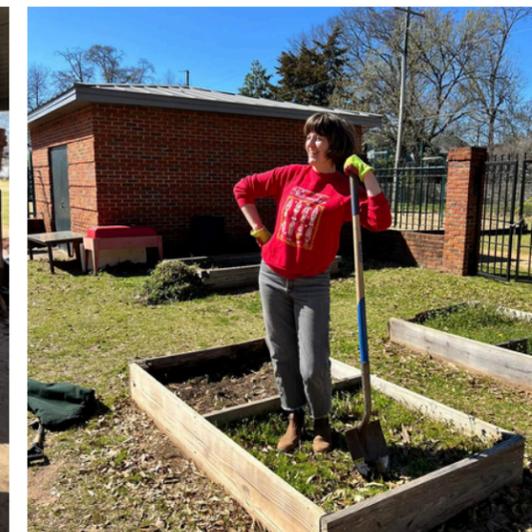
Key Activities:

- The sub-committee participated in a webinar hosted by SC-SIC to ensure our school's report is thorough and accurate.
- The sub-committee led the SIC in an audit of last year's report.

Goal 3: Organize volunteer clean-up and maintenance events to enhance the school's outdoor learning spaces.

Key Activities:

- SIC members partnered with the Logan PTO and the Logan Foundation to host two clean-up days.
- The clean-up days were held on Sundays and were well-attended by families. The activities included weeding, planting, adding mulch, installing lattice, and picking up litter.



Points of Pride

ABC Certification

Logan successfully applied and received re-certification as an ABC School by the Arts in Basic Curriculum Project. The statewide organization provides leadership in arts education and certifies South Carolina schools for their exemplary efforts to provide quality, standards-aligned arts education to all students.



Science Fair

Logan Students – Selena Casana, Selah Grace Detty, and Griffin Evans – won first place in the Chemistry and Biochemistry category at the USC Regional Science Fair for their project *Dark Matter Matters*. This honor comes after successfully progressing through the school-level and district-level science fairs.

Steel Band

The Logan Elementary Steel Drum Band is an extra-curricular activity open to third through fifth grade students. Each year, the band performs in a local holiday parade. Parents, students, and staff work together to decorate the parade float. In December 2024, the steel band was awarded *Best Musical Unit* in the Greater Cayce-West Columbia Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade of Lights.

