2024-2025 SIC REPORT TO FAMILIES

We are One Hand, One Voice, Serving Every Child, Every day.

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About this Report:

The School Improvement Council of Hand Middle School has prepared the annual school report for you, your family, and the Hand Middle School community. The report reviews last year's progress, growth that was made, and test scores. It also describes plans for further improvement this year.
Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing our targeted goals in 2023-2024, as well as the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Dr. Patrice T. Green, Principal, or Ms. Shayne Kinloch, SIC Chair at (803) 343-2947.

Clubs & Activities:

Basketball	Queen Hornets
Cheerleading	Math Counts
Football	Men of NuVision
Mock Trial	Student Council
NJHS	Quiz Bowl
Track	Yearbook
Volleyball	Peer Tutoring
Wrestling	Unified Champions

Language Immersion (Chinese & Spanish)

*First group of students to complete the middle level Immersion Program

SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment: 755

50.5% African American
31.1% White
11.3% Hispanic/Latino
5.4% Multi-Racial
< 1% Asian
< 1% Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander

TEST INFORMATION

- English SCReady:
  22.7% Met; 51.5% Met/Exceeds
- Math SCReady:.
  10.7% Met; 31.0% Met/Exceeds
- Science SCReady:
  Not Rated in 2024

Hand State Report Card Link

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- DHS Cluster, Bloom with the Blus
- 6th grade campus tours
- Open House
- Harvest Hope Volunteers
- Hand Hornets Helping Serve Columbia
- Weekend Backpack Program
- Parent Universities
- Jazz Band collaboration with Dreher
- NJROTC community engagement
- University of SC tutoring support
- Shandon Cluster of churches
- Walk for life
- Performing Arts 5th grade connections
- ArtBlooms, School & Community Partnership



School-Wide Designations:

- Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Redesignation
- Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant Recipient
- R1 Language Immersion Program
- National Healthy School
- National School To Watch
- USC Professional Development School

Unified Champion School

Department/Student Awards:

Principals List (All As) & Academic Achievement (3.5 GPA/higher):

6GR- 39%
7GR - 40%
8GR - 42%

R1 Middle School Scholars:

41 students - 8GR 3.5/higher GPA, 6GR-8GR
Honors and/or GT courses
Extra-curricular involvement
MLK Dream Keeper Essay Contest Winner

National Junior Honor Society:

65 students - 8GR (cumulative 3.5/higher GPA 7GR-8GR
Characteristics: Scholarship, Service, Leadership Character & Citizenship

Art:

1 student - District Art Show Reagan McAndrews $200- Scholarship Recipient
1 student - Best In Show ~ SC State Fair 2D: Middle School Division
1 student - 1st Place ~ SC State Fair 2D: Middle School Division

Band:

27 students -R1 Honors Band
14 students -R1 Honors Jazz Band
8 students - SCBDA Regional Honors Band
1 student - SCBDA All State Honor Band
1 student - SCGSAH Summer Program
13 students scored Superior - SCBDA Solo and Ensemble (3 perfect scores)
1 student scored Excellent - SCBDA Solo and Ensemble
SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment of Excellent
SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award









Basketball:
Boys - RSD1 Champions
Girls - RSD1 Runner Up

Choir:
7 Students - District Honor Choir

Dance:
3 Students - District Honor Dance Company

Family & Consumer Sciences:
State FACS Teacher of the Year

Football:
RSD1 2nd Place

Orchestra:
35 students - RSD1 Honors
10 students - Midlands Region
4 students - All State Honors
1 Student - 1st Chair, All State
Multiple Solo/Ensemble Superior and Excellent

Theatre:
10 students - R1 Theatre Festival
Inaugural Playwrights' Festival

Track & Field:
6GR Girls - R1 District Champions
6GR Boys - R1 2nd Place
7GR/8GR Boys - R1 District Champions
7GR/8GR Girls - R1 2nd Place

USC Regional Science Fair:
16 students - USC Regional Science Fair Award
3 students - Dr. Gary Allen Excellence in Scientific Communications award

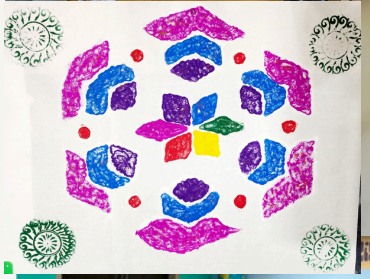
Volleyball
District Runner Up

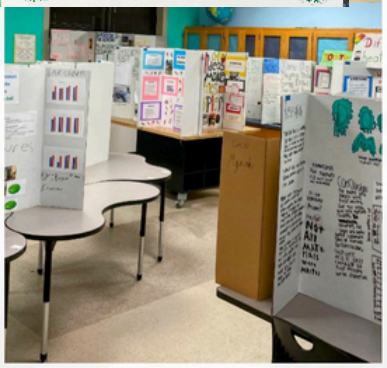
Wrestling:
8 boys and 3 girls participated
1 student finished 4th in the state

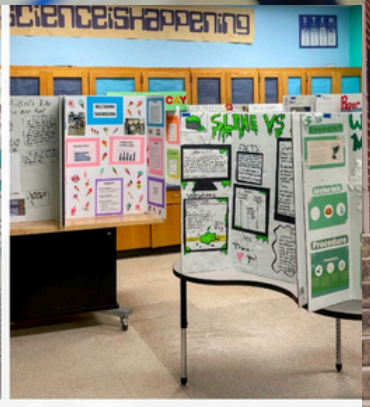
















SIC Meetings
Occur every 4th Thursday.
We meet mostly virtual.
Links and more information can be found in Dr. Green's weekly email, The Buzz.

SIC Goals
Our SIC has worked tirelessly this year to continue our growth as a school. We have modified our SIC goals and are working on a new goal for next year to align more closely with our school's Renewal Plan.

SIC Elections
Elections are held every Fall. We will send out a Microsoft Form to request nominations, and we will then conduct an election virtually to elect members. Any parent can serve on SIC















South Carolina Schools to Watch



We are committed to excellence in our five A's: academics, arts, athletics, attendance and attitude. We do this by having high
expectations and ensuring that our students promote Hornet P.R.I.D.E.
- Personal Responsibility, Respect, Individual Readiness, Demonstrated Learning and Effective Behaviors.

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