



Featured Information

- Our student body consists of 1131 students in grades 6-8, representing 85% White, 4% African American, 5% Hispanic, and 6% other ethnicities.
- We currently have 92 full-time faculty and staff and 4 part-time staff.
- Cario is one of the largest middle schools in South Carolina with some of the highest test scores in the state for a comprehensive middle school.
- Cario Middle School believes that parent involvement and positive relationships with the community best support successful students. We encourage parent volunteers, provide newsletters and information to parents, and leave open communication for the benefit of all our students and their families. We welcome and want our parent and community input!
- Cario has embraced Personalized Learning this year:

Personalized Learning at Thomas C. Cario Middle School

Charleston County School District has a mission to educate and support every child in achieving college, career, and citizenship readiness.

At Cario Middle School, we empower students to be collaborative lifelong learners, actively improving their world.

- Goal #1: Empowerment: Teachers feel empowered and confident to make changes
- Goal #2: Data: Teachers are utilizing data to inform student choice, instructional model and differentiation.
- Goal #3: Self-reflective & Ownership: Students are self-reflective and have ownership over their path of learning.

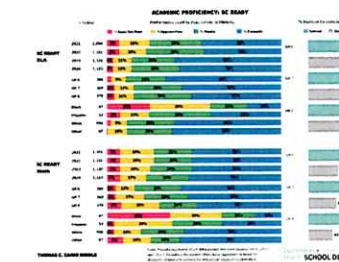
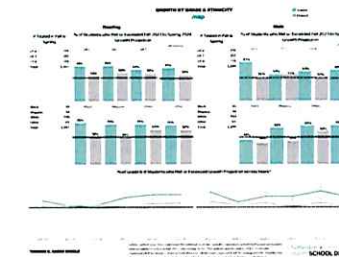
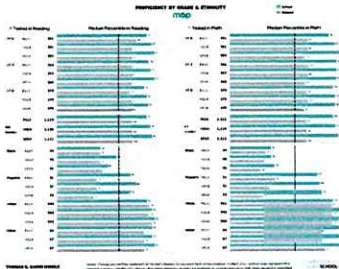
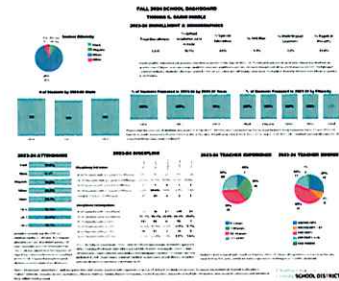
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Middle School SIC Members:

- Robert Lang, Chairman, Parent and Teacher
- Julie Guthrie, Teacher
- Christina Mahaffey, Parent, PTSO President
- Christine Reece, Community Member
- McLeod Best, Community Member
- Shannon Murphy, Teacher
- Bryan Coleman, Principal

Student Achievement

Cario Middle School Carolina State Report Card



Thomas C. Cario Middle School Annual School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents 2024-2025



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Administrative Team

- Mr. Bryan Coleman, Principal
- Dr. Evandro Valente, 8th Grade Assistant Principal
- Mr. Richard Morvin, 7th Grade Assistant Principal
- Ms. Sheila Osborne, 6th Grade Assistant Principal

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Cario Middle School 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."

Cario's School Improvement Council (SIC) evaluates current practices and conditions at Cario that effect student performance, identify areas that need improvement, and offer suggestions for programs, incentives, and activities to attain clearly defined goals. The SIC goals are aligned with the Charleston County School District's mission statement. The mission of CCSD is to increase student achievement overall and close the achievement gaps in order to prepare all students to compete in a global economy and make a positive contribution to our community and nation.

Cario Middle School continues its tradition of excellence in academics, arts, and extra-curricular activities. Cario is a highly successful middle school with a large campus, a small-school atmosphere, and numerous opportunities for students. Our students have consistently demonstrated mastery of rigorous academic standards and excel in Fine Arts and our other programs and clubs.

Cario provides a quality academic program, as well as a structured system of interventions for students who need support. Students have opportunities to earn high school credits and take exploratory courses, such as choices in the Fine Arts, Spanish, pre-engineering (PLTW), marine biology, computer, journalism, and fitness. Cario has one of the highest percentages of students identified as gifted and talented (GT) in the Charleston County School District. Cario students compete in numerous local, state, and national academic challenges – and win TOP awards, such as in the American Mathematic Competition, Math Counts competition, CCSD Spellbound Spelling Bee, Quest, LEGO Robotics, SC State Scholastic Chess Championship, and National Geographic Geography Bee, to name just a few.

During the 2024-2025 school year, Cario Middle School applied for the prestigious Palmetto's Finest Award through SCASA. This process included a written application that was reviewed among many schools in the state. Cario was selected to move on to rounds two and three, which included site visits from members of SCASA. The criteria for advancement was based around best instructional practices, leadership, and school climate. We were honored to be selected as a finalist, making us one of two total finalists for middle schools in SC. We are so proud of our staff and students for this accomplishment.

The Cario Chorus is the only program in South Carolina to have students selected to every regional and national honor choir since 2000. Orchestra students received superior ratings at the S.C. Concert Festival, along with many other awards.



Cario's band received the state's Outstanding Performance Award for the almost twenty consecutive years and earned superior ratings at the S.C. Concert Festival, among other awards. Cario Visual artists have earned numerous awards in local, state, and national competitions often earning the top awards. Drama students were involved in several productions during the year, including the huge, mid-year *talent show*, to rave reviews. They also have won numerous awards in local and state competitions.



Cario students have competed in local private and community teams in football, volleyball cheerleading, soccer, tennis, swimming, golf, baseball, and softball – and win numerous competitions and awards. The yearbook staff produced a high-quality publication, and our Horticulture Club is working to grow vegetables, along with flowers to make our school more attractive. We inducted our fourth group of students for our National Junior Honor Society. Our students organized and continued to grow a student-led and student-focused *Student Government* program to link our students with community service projects and programs. Our students produce daily video morning announcements to rave reviews.

Cario's PTSO has worked with our faculty, staff, and students to continue to run a school store this year and a Spirit Pantry to offer food and supplies to our Cario

families in need. Our PTSO and SIC offer important parent training and student training that is current and relevant to our world issues. We have spent much time over this school year focusing on student leadership and philanthropy, and we hope to continue and grow these programs for many years to come.



The Cario staff participates in on-going professional development in order to meet the needs of our students, including instructional Rounds and Tech Tuesdays to focus on class rigor and student engagement. Cario is working to implement Personalized Learning, which is differentiating instruction based on individual student data. Our faculty and staff have embraced the Capturing Kids' Hearts model and work to implement this daily with our students. Cario Middle School uses the Making Middle Grades Work national model to implement positive changes in our school. We recognize the importance of high expectations, rigorous academics, and a safe, supportive learning environment for all students. As partners in education, our faculty and staff, parents, and community members support and actively participate in making Cario Middle School a model for educational excellence:

We strive to reach our goal of "preparing resourceful, positive, service-oriented leaders of tomorrow!"

Bryan Coleman, Principal
Robert Lang, SIC Chair

