



SPAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC) ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

School Information and Leadership

School Information

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SMS Leadership

Principal: Heath Shirey
Assistant Principal: Alphine Bradley
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Athletic Director: James Brown

Motto

"Excellence in Everything We Do."

Introduction of SIC

What is a School Improvement Council (SIC)?

An SIC is a broad-based body intended to advise the principal and school, and is focused on helping to achieve school improvement. SICs are advisory only. They do not have any of the powers and duties reserved for the local school board, district, or school administrators, teachers, and staff.



What do SICs do?

SIC duties focus primarily on the school improvement process. SICs:

- provide input and feedback during the development of the school's five-year renewal (improvement) plan and annual updates;
- assist in implementation of school improvement programs and activities;
- monitor and report on progress toward improvement goals in the annual SIC Report to the Parents and with the principal in the narrative to the SC School Report Card;
- provide other assistance as requested by the principal.

Additional information found at:

[SIC Website](#)

Purpose of the Annual SIC Report

The annual SIC report is provided to all stakeholders in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (Act 135) of 1993. The report serves as an overview of the school's progress towards goals outlined in the School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Council reports the progress for our yearly school goals and achievements with the intension to continuous improvements to the learning environment and student support at Spaulding Middle School. The staff at SMS is committed development of every scholar to ensure the success and well-being of each student.

Mission, Vision, Principles



MISSION

Inspire the school community towards a shared goal of fostering growth, innovation, creativity, and excellence for all.

VISION

Spaulding Middle School will produce resilient global citizens by building a culture of unity, inspiring a collaborative and vibrant school community, cultivating creativity, encouraging continuous growth, driving innovation, and pursuing excellence.

PRINCIPLES

T...eachable
I...nnovative
G...enerous
E...xcellent
R...esilient
S...cholars

SIC Team Members

Ex-officio Members

- Heath Shirey- Principal
- Alpine Bradley-Assistant Principal

Appointed Members

- James Brown-Community Member
- James Gambrell- Community Member

Elected Members

- Britney Glenn- Parent (Chair)
- Jennifer Walker-Ross- Parent
- Amanda Tyner-Parent
- Kaywana Bradley-Teacher

2024-2025 South Carolina Report Card

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), State Education Agencies are required to prepare and disseminate an annual state report and Local Education Agency (LEA) report card that meet the minimum requirements described in federal law. For the 2023-2024 school year, Spaulding Middle School was rated **GOOD** by the South Carolina Department of Education. Please refer to: [Spaulding Report Card](#)

2024-2025 Overall Rating

**Average
45**

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

School Renewal Plan Goals

The following goals were included on the school renewal plan for Spaulding middle school. The goals are a continuous goals that are updated yearly through the South Carolina state Department of education. These goals are updated and revised yearly based on the previous years data in progress. Current goals are on a five-year cycle and will conclude at the end of the 2027–2028 school year.



Student Achievement Goal

Goal 1

By June 2030, at least 75% of students will score at the Meets or Exceeds Expectations performance levels on the SCREADY ELA assessment. Progress toward this goal will be monitored quarterly using interim i-Ready ELA assessments, with data used to inform instruction and implement targeted intervention strategies.

Goal 2

By June 2030, at least 75% of students will score at the Meets or Exceeds Expectations performance levels on the SCREADY Mathematics assessment. Progress toward this goal will be monitored quarterly using interim i-Ready mathematics assessments, with data used to inform instruction and implement targeted intervention strategies.

Goal 3

By June 2031, at least 75% of students will score at the Meets or Exceeds Expectations performance levels on the SCREADY Science assessment. Progress toward this goal will be monitored through district benchmark assessments to inform instruction and guide intervention efforts.

Teacher/Administrator Quality

Goal: By June of 2030, SMS will maintain 99% high-quality, certified teachers and administrators who meet state certification and performance standards.

School Climate

Goal: By June 30, 2030, Spaulding Middle School will reduce chronic absenteeism from 21.6% to 5%, as measured by district PowerSchool attendance records.

Strategies for Improved Student Achievement

- MAP Incentives base on growth and achievement.
- Teacher led learning conferences with students to set goals based on academic data.
- PLC professional development for teachers based on best teaching practices and data.
- Implementation of intentional small groups based on testing data during advisory.
- After school tutoring by teachers.
- Implementation of MAP and DRC Beacon data to drive Instruction.
- Quarterly Awards Ceremonies which includes incentives and parental involvement.
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School Improvement Council (SIC) Goals

Increase Community Involvement

- Hosted aFood Drive for the Manna House in Florence SC
- 8th grade students attended Darlington County Ascend trips tailored to helping students explore career paths in Darlington and Florence Counties
- Community Christmas Toy Drive
- Title I and SIC Meeting open to the community members and publicized on Social Media and parent communication
- Hosted Polar Express Community Event Title I Family Engagement night
- Hosted two curriculum-based family nights with the first night focusing on Math and Science and the second night focusing on ELA and Social Studies.
- Spaulding Middle School opened its doors to multiple community events that included: Bright Stars Community Camp, Hearts over Lamar Mental Health Event, NAMI mental health expo,

Increase Parental Involvement

- Continued inclusion of parents in Student Award Ceremonies.
- Addition of 2 curriculum-based Parent Nights.
- Beginning of the year Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Thanksgiving Meal for parents and students.
- Incentives given for parent involvement.
- Coffee and Conversation with parents.
- Weekly communication with parents using Facebook, School Status Connect, and Parentlink

Increase Student Success

- Varsity Tutoring Program
- iReady Weekly Progress Monitoring
- MTSS Small group Advisory Study Halls
- Monday and Wednesday math tutoring (Title I funded)
- Saturday School Tutoring and Credit Recovery
- Incentives given for student engagement.
- Weekly communication with parents using Facebook, School Status Connect, and Parentlink

Student Programs and Activities



Filed Trips



Hands-on Project based learning



Mr. and Miss SMS Paegant



Events with Community Partnerships



Ascend Field Trips



Guest Speakers and Mentors



Art in Business



**STAND and Junior
Scholar Award Winners**



**Lamar Spaulding
Elementary and Lamar
High School Partnership**



**Polar Express Parent
Night 2025**



**First Responders Career
Fair**



**Darlington County Sheriff
vs SMS Volleyball
Partnership Fundraiser**

Extracurricular Activities

- Academic Challenge Team
- Band
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Chess Club
- FCA
- Football
- Junior Beat Club
- Student Council
- Tigers Guild Book Club
- Volleyball
- Yearbook Club

Non-Discrimination Policy

- The Darlington County School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics in its programs and activities. All schools in the Darlington County School District are accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and Southern Association of College and Schools.



Heath Shirey

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