Dreher High School School Improvement Council

Dreher High School - School Improvement Council
Thursday, November 5, 2026 @ 5:30 pm in the Principal's Conference Room (Main Office Hallway)
Next Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2026 @ 5:30pm

Purpose:

School Improvement Councils play an active role in the school improvement process. Among their primary responsibilities, SICs: assist in the preparation of the school's Five-Year School Improvement Plan and participate in its development, monitoring, and evaluation; collaborate with the principal on the narrative portion of the School Report Card; and develop, review, and distribute the annual SIC Report to Parents. State law also authorizes SICs to provide advice, assistance, and other support to advance school improvement.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- SIC requirements and election of new SIC representatives and officers
- SIC annual deadlines
- Principal's Update
- Adjournment

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

SIC Annual Compliance Checklist

Fall Key Dates

OCT	15	• Parent and Teacher nominations and elections have been completed • For schools serving grades nine and above, student nominations and elections have been completed. • The SIC has at least two (2) parent representatives, two (2) teacher representatives, and, in schools serving grade nine and above, two (2) student representatives as required by state law. • The number of parent, teacher, and, if applicable, student representatives on the SIC match the number called for in the SIC's bylaws.
NOV	15	• The principal has completed community member appointments to the SIC. • The SIC has half as many appointed community members as the total number of elected members (ex-officio members are not included in this count). • The full SIC (elected, appointed, and ex-officio members) for the current school year has held its first meeting. • The SIC has elected officers for the current year. • The principal or designee has created an SC-SIC Member Network account for the current school year. • The principal or designee has reported the current year's SIC membership information to the SC-SIC Member Network. • The SIC has adopted a meeting schedule for the current year that is posted on the school's website and/or a publicly accessible place at the school such as the entrance to the school office.

Spring Key Dates

APR	30	• The SIC has completed the annual SIC Report to the Parents and the school has distributed it.
JUN	1	• The annual SIC Report to the Parents has been posted to the SC-SIC Member Network. • The SIC has assisted the principal with the narrative for the SC School Report Card. (This deadline is subject to adjustment based upon the principal's deadline for submitting the narrative to the SC Department of Education).

Officers

SICs elect officers to provide leadership and support the work of the council. Officers are responsible for helping the SIC organize its work, conduct meetings, and carry out its responsibilities throughout the year.

SIC officers serve one-year terms and may be reelected, provided they continue to meet all eligibility requirements for SIC membership.

IMPORTANT DATE

November 15
All SIC officer elections must be completed.

Current SIC membership must be reported to the **SIC Member Network**.

SIC officers must be elected no later than November 15 of each school year to ensure that current officer information can be reported to SC-SIC.

SIC OFFICER ROLES
QUICK REFERENCE

CHAIR

Leads the work of the SIC and serves as the primary liaison

VICE CHAIR

Supports council leadership and assumes leadership responsibilities when needed

SECRETARY

Maintains records and documents the work of the council

SEE ALSO IN THIS HANDBOOK

For more information on specific responsibilities of the officers, see Section 3: Governance and Responsibilities.

Officer Eligibility

Only elected and appointed SIC members are eligible to serve as SIC officers.

Ex-officio members, including the principal, are not eligible to serve as SIC officers.

Individuals elected or appointed to an officer position must maintain their eligibility for SIC membership throughout their term of office.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

A member who becomes ineligible to continue serving on the SIC also becomes ineligible to continue serving as an officer of the council.

Officer Selection

SIC officers are elected by the membership of the council.

The procedures used to elect officers should be established in the council's bylaws. SICs should maintain records documenting the election of officers as part of the council's official records.

Additional Officers

SICs may establish additional officer positions through their bylaws as needed to support the work of the council.

Additional officer positions and their responsibilities must be clearly defined in the bylaws.

Because SICs do not maintain funds or bank accounts in their own name, SICs cannot establish the position of Treasurer.

> **SEE ALSO IN THIS HANDBOOK**
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> For more information about SICs and the management of funds, see Section 3: Governance and Responsibilities.

Committees

School Improvement Councils may establish committees to support the work of the council and to assist in carrying out specific projects, responsibilities, or areas of focus.

Committees allow the SIC to engage additional stakeholders, distribute work among members, and provide opportunities for individuals who are not official members of the council to participate in school improvement efforts.

Committee structure and procedures should be described in the council's bylaws when appropriate.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

SIC committee meetings are not private meetings. Committees of the SIC must follow applicable public meeting, notice, recordkeeping, and other requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Committee Membership

Committee membership may include:

- SIC members;
- Parents and family members;
- Students, teachers, faculty, and school staff;
- Community members; and
- Other stakeholders interested in supporting the work of the SIC.

Participation on an SIC committee does not constitute membership on the School Improvement Council. Individuals who are not official SIC members may participate in committee work but do not gain SIC membership or voting authority through their committee participation.

Committee Authority

Committees may research issues, develop recommendations, and assist in carrying out SIC activities and initiatives. Committees do not act on behalf of the SIC and may not take official action for the council.

All official SIC actions, decisions, and recommendations must be approved by the full School Improvement Council.

Establishing Committees

SICs may establish standing committees or ad hoc committees as needed.

Examples of committees may include:

- School Improvement Planning
- The Annual *SIC Report to Parents*
- Family and Community Engagement
- Membership and Elections

Committee structure and procedures should be described in the council's bylaws when appropriate.