

# HAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

An ABC School Since 1999

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## STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

### ARTS VISION

At Hand Middle School, we will include the arts in the daily life of 100% of our students through: developing students' creative potential in the arts; providing professional learning opportunities in the arts for teachers; using arts-based experiences across the curriculum; and promoting the power of the arts within the community.

### ARTS MISSION

To foster the development of life-long learners by making connections in and through the arts.

### ARTS GOALS

- Significantly improve student achievement in the arts through curricula, instruction and assessment based on the 2026 South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency.
- Provide all staff relevant visual and performing arts based professional learning opportunities.
- Strengthen the arts-infused instruction, curriculum and environment in the school.
- Foster the creative potential of all students.
- Strengthen partnerships with community organizations.

## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

### LOCATION

2600 Wheat Street  
Columbia, SC 29205  
(803)343-2947  
[hand.richlandone.org](http://hand.richlandone.org)  
Richland County School District One

### COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

**Grades:** 6-8      **Enrollment:** 755  
**Teachers:** 49      **Student/Teacher Ratio:** 21:1

[Link to School Report Card](#)

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- Dynamic PE/Health class is offered, so our students have the opportunity to enroll in 2 year-long arts classes if they choose.
- A strong legacy of arts in the school/district with support from feeder elementary schools (some are also ABC Certified) and strong culture of arts in our feeder high school.
- Arts are displayed throughout our building: visual art on walls and ceiling tiles, multiple murals, music playing in hallways, sculptures inside and out.
- Arts evidence is present in all classrooms.
- Multiple Guest Artists throughout the year.

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