

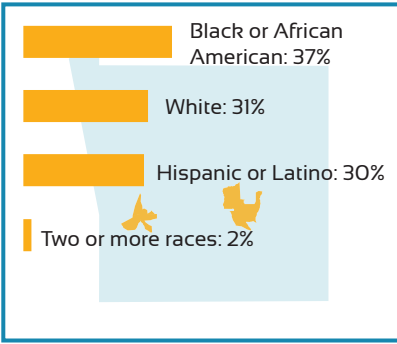


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SR1 Promise Neighborhood

Ridgeland, Mississippi

Community Composition



6
Schools



8,355
People in Footprint



2,582
Children in Footprint

Median Household Income



Population Below Poverty Level



SR1 Promise Neighborhood in Scott County, Mississippi, is devoted to building a cradle-to-career success initiative for its diverse, multicultural community. Leveraging a coalition of community partners, SR1 provides a continuum of solutions designed to serve students and their families from low-income backgrounds. SR1 aims to create a more supportive academic and social environment in a rural area of the state that is historically underserved and affected by high rates of child poverty.

Pipeline

Early Childhood Education



429 was Scott County's average kindergarten readiness score in 2019, compared to **502** across Mississippi.

K-12 Education



40% of students are English language learners.

College and Career Readiness



278 youth in Scott County enrolled in public college in 2021.

Family and Community Supports



89% of children under 6 have a parent in the labor force.

Select Strategies

- Reach Out and Read provides children with new books to take home to enable and encourage parents to read to them.
- Young students receive individualized, one-on-one instruction through the Reading Corps model to improve their reading abilities.
- Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics mentors create age-appropriate lessons on subjects often perceived as intimidating to low-income and minority students.
- School social workers, intake coordinators, and partners work together to ensure support services are culturally relevant and appropriate.
- Summer Bridge provides academic support and mentoring to graduating seniors in the summer before their first year of college.
- Residents can participate in mentorship and workforce development programs that help them earn their GEDs and other credentials.
- Schools, parents, and community and faith-based organizations come together to implement community violence prevention strategies.
- Becoming a Responsible Teen: An HIV Risk-Reduction Program for Adolescents provides factually and medically accurate education to teens.



Innovative Strategy Spotlight

SR1's Community Oriented Opportunities for Learning (C.O.O.L.™) model is the first of its kind in Mississippi and provides low-income and at-risk students with culturally competent support from cradle to career. One strategy C.O.O.L.™ uses is matching students with mentors who can assist and encourage the transition to college. These mentors provide tutoring, help develop life and social skills, provide exposure to college campuses and options, and support completing the FAFSA and other admission processes.