



"Cougar Country"



Florence Chapel Middle School
Summary Report School Year 2011-2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings! It is time for our summary report for 2011-2012.

We have had another good year at Florence Chapel. Our Academic Team made the elite eight in the Battle of the Brains competition. The team also deserves congratulations for finishing fourth in the state in Knowledge Master competition. We have 38 students recognized as Junior Scholars this year and 6 Duke Tip Scholars. We continue to have large numbers of students taking Honors Algebra and Honors English for high school credit.

Our staff development has been dedicated to the goal of improved achievement for our students. We are using the Learning-Focused Model to reach our goal.

Last year we developed our strategic plan for 2011-2016. The School Improvement Council and our school staff were very instrumental in the development of this plan. We have the results of our school report card in this publication. We are proud to report that our absolute rating is excellent, the highest rating available. We also maintained our improvement rating this year. We have been recognized as a Palmetto Gold Winner for our test results as well. This is a reflection of dedication and hard work by our students and our staff and support from our parents and community.

Thank you for supporting Florence Chapel Middle School. Please stay involved. We need your input as we strive to improve.

Steve Gambrell, Principal
Approved by: Nancy Tripp, SIC Chairman



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of District Five Schools of Spartanburg County is to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging

environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen

SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN FOR FLORENCE CHAPEL 2011-2016

OBJECTIVES

- Improve: Student Achievement
- Teacher/Administrator Quality
- School Climate
- School Infrastructure

STRATEGIES

- Tutoring Services
- Differentiated Instruction
- Vertical/Horizontal Collaboration
- Establish Support System
- Provide programs and activities to increase student and parent awareness of appropriate student behavior
- Provide measures to deter inappropriate student behaviors
- Provide programs and activities to increase student attendance
- Provide programs and activities to increase faculty attendance
- Provide programs and activities to increase home/school communications
- Involve all students in service-learning opportunities

LIMITED SCHOOL CHOICE

Through our Limited School Choice Program, parents in District Five may apply to have their child (ren) attend a school outside of their attendance area. Please be aware that transportation is not provided for students who attend a school outside of the attendance area. Applications and information can be obtained on the District Five website, at any school in the District, or at the District Five Administrative Offices. Each school year, there is a cut-off date for application. This year, the cut-off date was March 23, 2012.

**2011 REPORT CARD RESULTS
FOR
FLORENCE CHAPEL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Absolute Rating – Excellent
Improvement Rating – Average
Palmetto Gold Award Winner
Adequate Yearly Progress – No

VISION

District Five Schools will pursue exemplary educational opportunities and academic excellence in order to improve the quality of life for our students and community.

**BELIEFS/GOALS OF
FLORENCE CHAPEL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WE BELIEVE THAT...

- Children are our most valuable resource.
 - Public education is a pillar of our society.
 - Integrity is taught by example.
 - Excellence is achievable.
 - Mutual respect is beneficial.
 - Knowledge empowers.
 - Diversity strengthens.
 - Family is the foundation of society.
 - Children need supportive adult role models.
 - Attitude makes a difference.
 - Learning is a lifelong process.
 - Personal responsibility serves the common good.
 - Stewardship of resources maintains trust.
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**SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
COMMITTEE (SIC)**

This committee serves as an advisory committee to help make Florence Chapel a better place for students to learn.

Steve Gambrell, Principal
Tammy White, Assistant Principal
Ingrid Anderson, Assistant Principal
Nancy Tripp, Teacher, **SIC Chairman**
John Boehm
Brian Boone
Terry Stephenson
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