



# "Cougar Country"



Florence Chapel Middle School  
Summary Report School Year 2014-2015

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FCMS is committed to providing students with World Class Knowledge. Professional Learning Communities meet weekly so that teachers are collaborating to better improve instruction and student learning. Math and ELA classes are using new textbooks aligned to the new, more rigorous state standards. Each content teacher receives student specific data to help plan for specific instructional programs such as PSAT prep, algebra lab, math lab, PEP, study lab and computer lab. Class size for science and social studies was lowered from 25 to 22 students per teacher. Students have the opportunity to study Spanish and German. The Technology Student Association has earned the title of Best Overall Middle School Chapter for the second consecutive year and students may study explorations in technology or robotics. We have 30 Junior Scholars, 8 students recognized as Duke Tip Scholars, 5 students who were accepted into the Scholars Academy. Our Battle of the Brains team earned 1<sup>st</sup> runner up and our Math Counts team received 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Florence Chapel offers students the opportunity to take part in superior band, orchestra, drama, art, chorus, and music programs.

Students at FCMS develop the world class skills needed to compete in our global society. Classes are structured with the middle school student in mind and encourage creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and teamwork. Florence Chapel currently has 12 classrooms with Promethean Boards and student laptops. This number will grow to include all core classes during 2015-2016. District Five's Bring Your Own Device policy encourages technology integration in lessons. Next year, students at FCMS will have the opportunity to study computer applications, digital literacy, and multimedia basics.

Important life and career characteristics are instilled in each student. Our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program gives students the opportunity to meet in small groups weekly with an educator to discuss bullying prevention, integrity, and develop interpersonal skills. Personalized Education Plans (PEP) are created for students who need additional help to achieve success in their courses. In addition, teamwork and perseverance are encouraged through our excellent sports teams.

Florence Chapel Middle School remains committed to providing each student with an excellent education that will prepare them for the future. All of this is possible because of the continuous support provided by our parents, PTO and School Improvement Council, as well as business leaders. We have all worked together to make this year a positive one, and we encourage you to continue to be involved.

Tammy White, Principal  
Alicia Crutchlow, 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 27, 2015. Florence Chapel is closed to school choice for 2015-2016.

### **2014 REPORT CARD RESULTS FOR FLORENCE CHAPEL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Absolute Rating – Excellent  
Improvement Rating – Average  
ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System  
**83.8-B** Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.  
Adequate Yearly Progress – No

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### **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.

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### **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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## FACULTY/STAFF HONORS

Florence Chapel teachers have earned the following honors:

**Sunshine Furner** - 2014-15 Teacher of the Year

**Lois Irby** - 2014-15 Support Employee of the Year

Many of our teachers are in the process of completing Advanced Degrees.

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE (SIC)**

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

Tammy White, Principal  
Ingrid Anderson, Assistant Principal  
Christopher McCants, Assistant Principal  
Alicia Crutchlow, Teacher, **SIC Chairman**  
Tiffany Blackwell  
Laura Correll  
Joy Crile  
Shannon Everett  
Kermit Johnson  
Dan Minor  
Regina Mullis  
Tony Quillen  
Terry Stephenson  
Zabrina Tollison

