



# "Cougar Country"



Florence Chapel Middle School  
Summary Report School Year 2012-2013

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings! It is time for our summary report for 2012-2013. I would like to begin by saying that our school has received the Palmetto Gold Award for Outstanding Student Academic Performance. We are very proud of our students and all of their hard work!

This has been a great year with 100% of our teachers also "Highly Qualified" in the content area in which they teach. Our MathCounts team made it to the elite state competition this year as well as winning first place in the regional competition. Our band and orchestra programs have excelled and our students continue to win top awards for their skill and performances. We have 38 students recognized as Junior Scholars this year and 7 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 using the Learning-Focused Model to reach our goal. We have also focused on an Olweus Bullying Prevention program this year to give our students and teachers specific strategies and methods to use that will improve peer relations and make the school a safer place.

This year we have been working on our AdvancED accreditation process. The School Improvement Council, our parents, students and our school staff were instrumental in providing input on our areas of strength and areas we can improve. We are looking forward to a district-wide visit this month and we will post the results once we know them. We have the results of our school report card in this publication. We are proud that our absolute rating and improvement rating are excellent, the highest rating available. 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.

Tammy White, 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

## 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.



**2012 REPORT CARD RESULTS  
FOR  
FLORENCE CHAPEL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Absolute Rating – Excellent  
Improvement Rating – Excellent  
Palmetto Gold Award Winner  
End-of Course Algebra I – 100% passed  
End of Course English I – 100% passed  
Overall grade for FCMS = A

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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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**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 29, 2013.

**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  
Nancy Tripp, Teacher, **SIC Chairman**  
John Boehm  
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