

## Academic Activities

- Agricultural Studies and Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Band
- Chorus
- One-to-Global Technology
- ELA/Social Studies Character Night
- Mechanical Drawing Program
- Science/Math Parent Night
- Show Choir
- Talented and Gifted Program

## Enrichment Opportunities

- After School Tutoring
- Book Fair
- Career Fair
- Character of the Month Awards
- Character Recognition of Students
- Diamonds
- Eighth Grade Field Trip to Atlanta, GA
- Job Shadowing Program
- Mastery Connect
- Men's Day Wednesday
- Military Club
- Morning Math and ELA Tutoring
- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- REACH Summer Arts Program
- SC Regional Science Fair
- Sixth Grade Field Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC



## School Improvement Council

Mr. Michael Riggins, Principal  
Mr. Shawn Rearden, PTSA President  
Mr. John Van Patten, Teacher/SIC Chairperson  
Ms. Deirdre Hicks, Instructional Coach  
Ms. Staci Burnette, Teacher  
Mr. Corey Burgess, Teacher  
Ms. Toye Canty, Teacher  
Ms. Corelle Fair, Teacher  
Mr. Eric Masaitis, Teacher of the Year

## Administrative Team

Mr. Michael Riggins, Principal  
Ms. Jennifer Barrett, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Brooke James, Assistant Principal  
Ms. Deirdre Hicks, Instructional Coach

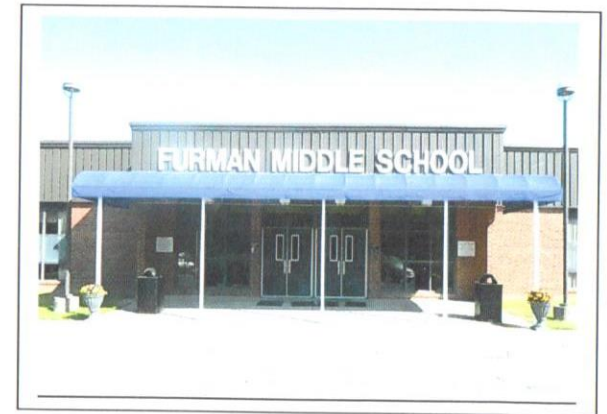
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## Furman Middle School

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Report to Parents  
2016-2017



## Mission Statement

The mission of Furman Middle School is to provide a comprehensive, innovative, rigorous standards-based education utilizing technology and project-based learning in order to prepare students to be competitive in an ever-changing global society, as well as meet the needs of the students, community and society.

## Vision Statement

The vision of Furman Middle School is to create a technology rich and project-based learning environment where education encourages teachers and students to build a learning bridge between the classroom and 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## School Goals

- The percentage of students in grades 6 - 8 who meet and exceed the standards in English/language arts, math, science, and social studies as measured by the SCPASS/SC READY assessment will increase as detailed below:
  1. The percentage of students in grades 6-8 who meet or exceed the standards in the core areas as measured by SCPASS/SC READY assessment will increase by three percent.
  2. Implement an instructional program to address health, fitness, and best practices in education that meets the needs of all students.
- The percentage of teachers/administrators with highly qualified status will be maintained through 2018.
  1. Furman Middle School will implement professional development programs and activities for teachers and administrators in order to maintain 100% highly qualified status.
- The number of discipline referrals will decrease by 40% by 2018.
  1. Increase community/school involvement and awareness.
  2. Develop strong leadership within the school.

## Our Beliefs

1. All of our students are capable of learning.
2. Each parent and child is a worthy member of the Furman community and has the potential to achieve.
3. A safe and inviting school environment will help to promote student learning.
4. Proficient performance is the foundation for building knowledge.
5. High expectations for students encourages positive performance.
6. Education is the key to improving social and economic status.
7. Each individual has something positive to contribute.

## Message to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is a pleasure that we provide you with the 2016-2017 *Annual Report to Parents* in accordance with the South Carolina Finance Act of 1977. Each year we set goals and identify strategies that will enable us to continue to enhance our educational practices, and our continued success would not be possible without you.

Through the cooperative efforts of parents, students, faculty, and administration, Furman Middle School has continued to experience positive growth in many areas. In cooperation with our students' homes and the community, we strive to prepare students for responsible citizenship, lifelong learning, and productive employment.

We encourage all parents to become involved in their child's education through participation in the School Improvement Council (SIC), the Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA), and through special events and activities. Furman Middle School will continue to shine as parents, students, and faculty work together for all students' education.

Sincerely,



John Van Patten, SIC Chairperson



Michael Riggins, Principal

## School Awards, Honors, and Recognitions

- **Faculty, students, and parents** donated back to the community above and beyond through Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, and The American Heart Association
- **All Conference Football** – Three Students
- **All Conference Boys Basketball** – Two Students
- **All Conference Girls Basketball** – Two Students
- **All Conference Volleyball** – Two Students
- **Track Boys and Girls** – Undefeated Season
- **District Honor Band Clinic** – 14 Students
- **SC Solo and Ensemble Band Clinic** – 22 Students
- **School Science Fair Winners** – 11 Students
- **Regional Science Fair Winners** – One Student
- **Algebra I** – 57 Students
- **English I** – 56 Students
- **Duke Tip/SAT/ACT** – Nine Students
- **PSAT** – 43 Students
- **Golden Apple Award Recipients** – 12 Students
- **Into the Woods Performances**
- **Step Team** – Overall Champions at Step-Off
- **Overall Grand Champions Carowinds** – Show Choir
- **Furman Middle School** – SCPTA Excellence in Patriotism Award, Teacher of the Year Finalist, Outstanding Local Unit and Outstanding Support Staff Award