

Performance Goals

Goal One: Percent of students in grades 6-8 who meet or exceed standards in English/ Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies as measured by the PASS assessments will increase to 100% in 2013-2014.

Goal Two: The percentage of Highly Qualified workforce will maintain 100% through 2013—2014

Goal Three: The number of discipline referrals that result in suspensions and expulsions will decrease by 10% over the next five years.



Hillcrest Middle School Goes Green. Students working on the solar energy project.



Hillcrest Middle School

Highlights

Accelerated Reader

Adequate Yearly Progress

Art

Band

Black History Program

Career Day

Chorus

Grade Level Planning & Staff Development

Heart Association Heart Walk Participant

National Junior Honor Society

Palmetto Silver Award—General Performance

Relay for Life Participant

Shower Shaw with Cookies

South Carolina State Science Fair Participants

Southern Association of Colleges
Accreditation

Sumter District Two Clean School Award

Volunteer Program

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL



Annual Report To The Parents
2010—2011

Mission Statement

Believing, Achieving and
Succeeding through Academics,
Citizenship and Service

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Sumter School District Two

School Improvement Council Members

Robert Barth Principal
Candy Richburg Assistant Principal
Sheila Ragin-Choice Teacher
Tenika Chambers Guidance Counselor
Windy Smith PTSA Representative
Kathy Hunter Parent
John Prioleau Community Member
Sarah Pope Community Member

Our Beliefs

We believe that:

- Children are our greatest assets.
- The family is the most important influence on the individual.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Each person is responsible for his or her own actions.
- Teamwork (students, parents, teachers) is necessary to achieve the goals of our school.
- Character development is necessary for a student to reach his/her full potential.
- The quality of education primarily determines the quality of life.
- There is a Supreme Being.
- Human beings have unlimited potential.
- Effective communication bridges school, home and community.
- We are responsible for one another.
- Every person has worth.
- Diversity strengthens the community.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This has been a busy year at Hillcrest Middle School. The staff and I enjoyed watching our student grow and mature successfully. We have provided a balanced academic curriculum while also addressing the social needs of the middle school student. Hillcrest Middle School meet AYP for 2010 and also earned the Palmetto Silver Award for general performance. These accomplishments would not be possible without the fabulous teaching staff here at Hillcrest. Our teachers go above and beyond the call of duty in order to provide the support and assistance our students need to reach their goals.

Hillcrest Middle strives to have a school where students are eager to learn and meet the challenges they face daily while preparing for their future. The parents and guardians of our students are actively involved and communicate regularly with teachers. Parents have utilized the parent portal component of Power School this year in order to encourage school attendance and academic efforts. Teachers have used the assertive discipline model to ensure our school environment is safe and year two of our uniform adoption has helped students focus on their academics without outside distractions.

We have encouraged good citizenship by contributing to and caring for the community. Several of our school clubs have developed and completed service learning projects. The GOLD club traveled to an elementary school for a reading project on Read Across America Day. The NJHS hosted our annual senior citizens holiday luncheon, as well as helped groups set up their Relay for Life areas. We also participated in Shower Shaw with Cookies and raised money for the American Heart Association as well as the American Cancer Society.

There are so many magnificent things happening at Hillcrest that it is difficult to list them here. Please read our newsletter or visit our school or website to keep up with the Wildcats! As always, the doors to Hillcrest are always open for our students, their parents, and our community. We look forward to your continued support as our school year progresses.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Barth
Principal

Summary of Needs Assessment

In order to develop the Hillcrest Middle School Renewal Plan, district and school level administrators, teachers, parents, and members of the community looked at data sources from previous school years. These included PASS, MAP, Unit Tests, discipline/suspension reports, attendance for staff and students, as well as survey results from parents, teachers, and students. After this review teams identified goals and developed strategies to meet those goals based on identified areas of weakness and strength.

Student Achievement

Percent of students in grades 6-8 who meet or exceed standards in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies as measured by the PASS assessments will increase to 100% in 2013-2014. It is important for students in all subgroups to reach 100% so activities that meet the needs of specific learning groups are emphasized.

Teacher Quality

The percentage of Highly Qualified workforce will maintain 100% through 2013—2014. Ongoing professional development will be provided in order to ensure teachers continue to be highly qualified. Emphasis will be on training as well as retention of staff.

School Climate

The number of discipline referrals that result in suspensions and expulsions will decrease by 10% over the next five years. Review of our data indicates a need for connecting with students and the community. There will be many opportunities for professional development focusing on building relationships with students and parents. We will also continue to emphasize service learning.

