

Your Wildcat School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2021-22



HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Mission Statement:
Believing, Achieving, and Succeeding through Academics, Citizenship, and Service.

Vision Statement:
We envision a school where the major emphasis is on the development of the total child and students achieve simultaneous gains in academics, citizenship and service.

About Your SIC:

Your SIC is part of a state-wide network that is dedicated to helping students succeed. Your SIC is open to all parents, students, teachers, and community members.

Your SIC Members:

Chair: Gabriela Prosser
Vice Chair: Amber Ketchum
Secretary: Gayle Wilson
Parent Representative: Nicole Crumb
Parent Representative: April McFadden
Parent Representative: D'Metria Williams
Community Partner: Dennisse Jones, Shaw AFB
Community Partner: Gail Hyatt, Sumter Evening Optimist Club
Community Partner: Michael Wilkerson, STAPLES

Ex-Officio Members:

Tarsha Staggers, Principal
Lauren Canty, Assistant Principal
Brandon Graves, Teacher of the Year 2021
Alicia Timmons, Teacher of the Year 2022



The purpose of this report: This Report is issued by the HMS School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Goals from the School Renewal Plan (2017-2022)/Student Achievement Data:

At Hillcrest Middle School, we are driven by performance goals in the areas of student achievement, teacher/administrator quality, and school climate. The goals, as outlined in our school renewal plan, drive our vision and mission to ensure a quality and effective learning environment is provided for all stakeholders.

Area One: Student Achievement Goals

Goal #1: The percentage of students scoring proficient or better in grades 6-8 will increase by 10% on the SC Ready ELA/Writing and Mathematics and the 6th Grade Science SCPASS by 2022.

Area Two: Teacher Quality

Goal #1: The percentage of certified teaching staff will be maintained at 100% through June 2022.

Area Three: School Climate

Goal #1: The number of discipline referrals that result in suspensions and expulsions will decrease by 10% by 2022.

Goal #2: The percentage of parent/guardian and community involvement in school activities and partnerships will increase by 10% by 2022.

Goal #3: Increase the number of parents, students, and teachers by 5% who are satisfied with the social and physical environment by 2022.

Data Results:

2017-2018 Overall Rating

Excellent
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School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

2018-2019 Overall Rating

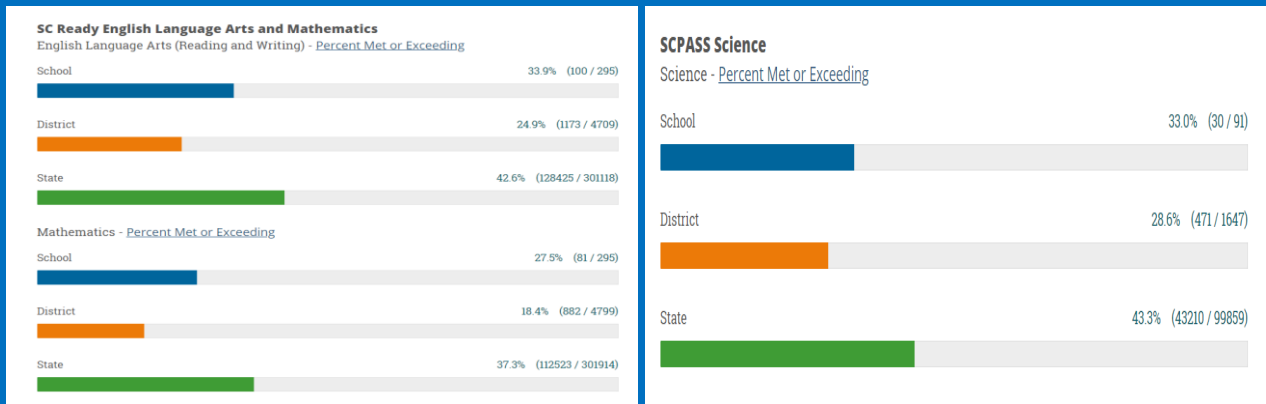
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Testing Source	ELA/Reading		Math	
	Number of Students Scoring Met or Above	Percentage of Students scoring met or above	Number of Students Scoring Met or Above	Percentage of Students scoring met or above
2019 SC Ready	145/354	41%	148/354	41.8%
2021 SC Ready	100/295	33.9%	81/295	27.5%
Fall 2021 MAP Projection for 2022 SC Ready	84/315	26.6%	58/321	18%
Winter 2021 MAP Projection for 2022 SC Ready	69/312	22.2%	64/317	20.2%

- 2018 - 2020 Data represents students testing during the traditional school year.
- 2020-2021 Data represents students testing in the Hybrid Model, in which students attended 2 days face to face and 2 days remotely.

2020-2021 - Last Reported State Standardized Testing Results Comparison



 Academic Achievement Average	 Preparing For Success Average	 Student Progress Excellent	 Student Engagement Average
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Wildcat Family:

Hillcrest Middle school is located at the intersection of Old Camden Hwy and Highway 441 in Dalzell, South Carolina. The school serves a population of approximately 336 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from Dalzell, Shaw Air Force Base, and surrounding communities. Our population includes: 48.5% Black or African American, 38.9% White, 4.8% Hispanic/Latino, 5.0% Mixed Race, 2.4% Asian, 0.3% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 0% Native American/Alaska Native.

We take pride in our Wildcat family. We encourage parental participation, and provide quarterly teacher and administration led "Parent Universities" to keep parents educated on school policies, programs, and content area learning specifics. Parents are kept updated on their child's progress through quarterly academic conferences, interims, progress reports, and personal contact as needed. We have a full-time guidance department and career specialist who work with students to plan their future path and to help with present educational and supportive needs.

We have several community partners that work with Hillcrest Middle School. The Sumter School district has been designated as a Purple Star district, and at HMS we have a Shaw Air Force Base liaison that holds monthly Military Child support group meetings on our campus. Becton Dickinson boosts our school spirit with teacher and student incentives. They also send representatives to speak with students on preparing for career choices. Alice Drive Baptist church and the Sumter Combat Veterans Group also encourages our teachers and staff by providing incentives. The Sumter Evening Optimist Club provides special incentives for teachers and hosts an Outstanding Youth Male and Female Award each year.

The HMS faculty is comprised of 100% qualified paraprofessionals, and 95.1% highly qualified teachers. Our teachers hold advanced degrees including, Masters and Masters plus 30. We have 4 staff members with Post Graduate degrees. Several of our teachers have been nominated for the Air Force Aero Space Education Award, and we had an AASE teacher of the year in our science department! We also have teachers that have been nominated for the Sumter's Best and Sumter Chamber of Commerce Educator Award. Our math department has Math Nation Builders and presenters. We have a teacher that was selected as a USC Noyce Teaching Fellow and a National Board-Certified Teacher. Our chorus teacher was also selected to sing the national anthem at the SC AMLE conference in Myrtle Beach. The Social Studies department brings history alive with virtual museum tours and interesting lessons of the past. We currently have a grant writer, Alicia Timmons, and two published authors, Rodrekous Hunter, *The Write Way to Heal*, and Jamie Gore, *So You're a Coach Now What?* HMS faculty and staff readily participate in Relay For Life and the American Heart Association fundraisers. The combination of administration, faculty, staff, students, and community partners has launched Hillcrest Middle School to Palmetto Silver status two years in a row.



