

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS!

- Teacher Nominated for "Sumter's Best"
- 92% Highly-Qualified Teachers
- 100% Qualified Paraprofessionals
- 1 USC Noyce Teaching Fellow
- 1 National Board Certified Teacher
- 1 Published Author
- WLTX Teacher of the Week
- Teacher presented at the SCAMLE Conference
- Various Advanced Degrees (Master's and Master's + 30 and Doctorate)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS!

- 7 students performed with the Crestwood HS Marching Knights at the state competition, earning a Bronze Medal (3rd place)
- 8 students selected for the SSD District Honor Band; 4 earned 1st chair
- 4 students selected for the SCBDA Region 5 Honor Band; 3 placed in the top 10
- First-ever participation in Concert Performance Assessment; earned an Excellent Rating with perfect sight-reading scores
- Winner of the Mayor's Christmas Card Contest
- 2 students honored at The Evening Optimist Club of Sumter's Annual Program
- Student won the Mayor's Christmas Card Contest; artwork featured on the front of the city's Annual Christmas Card
- High School Level Participation of HMS Students: Band, Soccer, Baseball, & Softball

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS!

- AVID School
- Quarterly Attendance, Behavior, and Grade Incentive Celebrations
- Anti-Bullying Campaign
- Golden Apple Awards Program, Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- STEM Club
- Beta Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Red Ribbon Week
- Veteran's Day Program
- Black History Program
- Wildcat Band Program
- Wildcat Step Team
- School Garden Program, Sponsored by Clemson Extension
- Youth Astronet
- Edmentum Empower Hour
- Wildcat Clubs
- First Priority
- Student Advisory Council



PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is issued by the Hillcrest Middle School Improvement Council in accordance to 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.



SIC MEMBERS

Ex-Officio Members:

Tarsha B. Staggers, Principal
Jocelyn Fowler, Asst. Principal
Misty Roberson, Other
Jayna Patel, Business Partner

Elected Members:

Meachelle Clea, Chair
Robert Easley, Teacher
Jamie Gore, Teacher
Chris Armstrong, Parent
Kylie Hartman, Parent
Terrie Oliver, Parent

Appointed Members:

Gabriela Prosser, Community Member
Loretta Sanders, Community Member
Gwynette Taylor, Community Member

HMS STATS:

342 STUDENTS
27 CERTIFIED STAFF
20 SUPPORT STAFF



2025-2026

SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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through Academics, Citizenship, and Service!"*

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SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN 5 PILLARS

At HMS, we are driven to achieve the following performance goals by June 2027:

- ✓ Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or better on state assessment by 10%
- ✓ Increase to 100% Certified Staff
- ✓ Decrease the number of referrals resulting in suspension/expulsion by 20%
- ✓ Increase partnership and stakeholder investment by 10%
- ✓ Increase/maintain building facility management and operation by 10%

JOIN THE SIC!



We seek parents and community members interested in improving student achievement and enhancing the Hillcrest learning environment through community partnership. Meetings occur once a month in person. If interested, reach out to Ms. Meachelle Clea:
meachelle.clea@sumterschools.net

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Shower Shaw - NJHS Giving Back

- Partnership with Catchall Community Center
 - Catchall Community Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon
 - Clemson vs. Carolina Canned Food Drive
- Sumter Inspire (Walk of Art) Participation
- Manufacturing Expo Participants
- STEM Challenge Participants
- Sumter eSTEAM Festival
- American Heart Association Heart Walk
- American Cancer Society "Relay for Life"
- "Shower Shaw with Cookies" Cookie Drive
- Alice Drive Baptist Church Special
- Participation in multicultural events

Hillcrest Middle School

2024-2025 Overall Rating

**Good
48**

School performance meets the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Gradu



Academic
Achievement

Average

24-25 SCHOOL DATA

- Math Proficiency increased by 9%
- ELA Proficiency increased by 40%
- The percentage of highly qualified teachers increased from 70% to 92% (+31.4%).
- The number of referrals resulting in suspension/expulsion decreased by 30%

WILDCAT SPORTS



At HMS, we offer sports for eligible 7th and 8th grade students. They are:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Track
- Cheerleading

****Hillcrest Middle School All-Conference athletes honored for excellence in Volleyball, Football, Basketball, and Track as part of the Sumter Middle School All-Conference Team.****