

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 by 2% or more annually.

Goal Two: The percentage of Highly Qualified workforce will increase from 95% to 100% by 2017.

Goal Three: The number of discipline referrals that result in suspensions and expulsions will decrease by 5% annually.



Hillcrest Middle School Goes Green. Picture taken during the Black River Tree Planting when our solar panel was dedicated.



Hillcrest Middle School

Highlights

Accelerated Reader

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

Southern Association of Colleges
Accreditation

Volunteer Program

Student Clubs

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL



Annual Report To The Parents
2011—2012

Mission Statement

Believing, Achieving and
Succeeding through Academics,
Citizenship and Service

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Sumter School District

School Improvement Council Members

Robert Barth	Principal
Candy Richburg	Assistant Principal
Sheila Ragin-Choice	Teacher
Tenika Chambers	Chairperson
Sarah Bleshenski	PTSA Representative
Lindsay Hanson	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 earned the Palmetto Silver Award for general performance again this year. Our students showed incredible gains in mathematics when we analyzed PASS results and we met 15 of 17 objectives for AYP. We have worked diligently this year to address those two and look forward to meeting AYP for 2012. 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.

We have encouraged good citizenship by contributing to and caring for the community. We partnered with a local church in order to establish a food bank in our area. 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 both the American Heart Association and 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, 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 annually by 2% or more. It is important for students in all subgroups to reach 100% so activities that meet the needs of specific learning groups will be emphasized as we seek to close gaps which exist between our subgroups.

Teacher Quality

The percentage of Highly Qualified workforce will increase from 95% to 100% by the 2017 year. 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 annually by 5%. 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.

