

School Improvement Council

- Neil Baldwin– Assistant Principal Ex-officio
- Jennifer Barger– Community Member
- Tenika Chambers - School Counselor
- Vernesia Cotton - Teacher
- Angela Holmes - Parent/Vice-Chair
- John Kennedy - Community Member
- Julie Harris - Parent/Chair
- Sheila Ragin Choice - Teacher
- Gwen Kirby - Parent
- Tarsha Staggers - Principal Ex-officio

Mission:

Believing, Achieving and
Succeeding through Academics,
Citizenship and Service

Hillcrest Vision:

We envision a school where the major emphasis is on the development of the total child.

Hillcrest at a Glance

- 438 Students
- 29 Certified Staff Members (highly qualified)
- 25 Support Staff (highly qualified)



Hillcrest Middle School Highlights

- Quarterly Perfect Discipline Recognition
- Quarterly Academic Awards Program
- Annual Career Fair
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Crystal Apple Awards
- Golden Pen Awards
- Golden Apple Awards Program Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- SC Junior Scholars
- Fine Arts Program
- Black History Program
- Career Day
- Athletic Program
- National Junior Honor Society



Hillcrest Middle School Service Projects

- Junior Civitans Winter Food Drive
- Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative
- Heart Association Heart Walk Participant
- Relay for Life Participant
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- NJHS Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser
- Academic Camp
- The Evening Optimist Club Student Recognition
- Beta Club Crosswell Home Coat Drive/Gift Collection
- Cents for Civitans - Civitan International Research Hospital
- Canned Food Drive—Catchall Center and Pine Grove Baptist Food Pantry
- NJHS Christmas Senior Luncheon
- NJHS Community Canned Food Drive
- Mentoring/Tutoring Program with Shaw Volunteers
- BETA Club Sponsored Book Drive



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Annual Report To The Parents
2013-2014

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Sumter School District

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Hillcrest Middle School is located at the intersection of Old Camden Highway and Highway 441 in Dalzell, South Carolina. The school serves a population of approximately 438 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from Dalzell, Shaw Air Force Base, and surrounding communities. Our population includes: 49.3% Black or African American, 43.8% White, 3.9% Hispanic/Latino, 1.4% Asian, .9% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, .7% American Indian or Alaska native.

2013-ESEA/Federal Accountability
 Overall weighted Points Total 85.7
 Overall Grade Conversion B
 Points Total - Middle Grades 85.7

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.

Performance Goals

Goal One: The percentage of our students in grades 6-8 who scored proficient and advanced in English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies as measured by the SCPASS assessments will increase annually by 2% or more.

Goal Two: The percentage of Highly Qualified workforce will increase from 93% to 100% by May 2017.

Goal Three: The number of discipline referrals that result in suspensions and expulsions will decrease by 30% by 2017.

Goal Four: The percentage of parent/guardian and community involvement in school activities and partnerships will increase by 10% by 2017.

Goal Five: Create a safe, secure, and healthy school environment by utilizing proactive measures to ensure student safety and an orderly environment.



Nondiscrimination Statement

Sumter School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age in admission to, treatment in, or employment in its program and activities.

Summary of Needs Assessment

In an effort to develop a Strategic Plan for Hillcrest Middle School, a planning team comprised of district and school level administrators, teachers, parents, and community stakeholders was formed for the purpose of determining the needs of our students. The team analyzed data from various sources which included SCPASS results, MAP results, Benchmark, grade distributions, and failure rates. Parent, teacher and student surveys, student attendance, suspension and expulsion rates, teacher attendance and teacher retention rates were analyzed to determine what effects these factors had on student academic growth. After working in small groups to review the data, the team developed strategies and activities based upon specific areas of strengths and weaknesses to add to the plan.

Needs

Student Achievement

- More educational opportunities and exposure to content in order to gain and maintain achievement for our students receiving subsidized meals, our African American population, and our disabled subgroup.

Teacher Quality

- Obtaining highly qualified status for all teachers by 2017 and retaining these teachers in our school were the two identified focal points.

School Climate

- Professional development is clearly needed in the areas of understanding the culture of the middle school student, affects of poverty, communication and classroom management.



Strategies

Student Achievement

- Implement research-based instructional strategies and programs supporting curricula and high expectations for all Hillcrest Middle students.
- Provide professional development experiences for all instructional staff to ensure a challenging curriculum with high expectation are provided to all students.
- Utilize assessment data to drive instructional practices.
- Educate all students and staff on the value of good nutrition and physical activity.

Teacher/Administrator Quality

- Maintain a highly qualified workforce.

School Climate

- Provide professional development for faculty and staff to increase knowledge of cultural diversity for the prevention of discipline problems and aid in the de-escalation of problems as they occur.
- Provide programs that teach & encourage positive social interaction between school and the community