

MAYEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT TO THE PARENTS



"Quest for Excellence"

Mission

To build a community of life-long learners who are caring and knowledgeable.

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Vision

Mayewood Middle School will prepare youth for the future by:

- Soaring to new heights of academic excellence
- Growing in personal responsibility
- Making universal connections
- Creating a better and more peaceful world through understanding and respect

Test Data

MAP

Grade Levels	Reading		Math	
	Fall Mean RIT	Spring Mean RIT	Fall Mean RIT	Spring Mean RIT
6 th Grade	206.0	210.8	210.8	215.9
7 th Grade	208.4	213.9	213.7	219.1
8 th Grade	211.7	216.9	222.7	227.0

Mayewood Middle School Goals

Area One: Student Achievement

Goals: The percentage of our students in grade 6-8 who score met and above in ELA as measured by PASS will increase from 46.8% in 2011 to 70 % in 2016 – 2017.

The percentage of our students in grade 6-8 who met and above in mathematics as measured by PASS will increase from 51.7% in 2011 to 75% in 2016 – 2017.

The percentage of our students in grade 6-8 who met and above in Science as measured by PASS will increase from 43.7% in 2011 to 70% in 2016 – 2017.

The percentage of our students in grade 6-8 who met and above in Social Studies as measured by PASS will increase from 49.1% in 2011 to 70% in 2016 – 2017.

Strategy: Ensure the success of all students through the implementation of scientific-based research programs and data driven instruction in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Area Two: Administrative/Teacher Quality

Goals: The percentage of our certified and non-certified staff that are highly qualified will increase to 100% in 2011-2012 through 2016 – 2017.

The percentage of our certified teachers who possess middle school certification will increase to 100% in 2011 – 2012 through 2014 – 2015

Strategies: Demonstrate integrity, fairness, and ethical behavior establishing mutual trust, respect and communication.
Interact effectively with all stakeholders, addressing their needs and concerns.

All certified and non-certified staff must meet all appropriate guidelines as stated in NCLB.

Collaborate with school and district staff to plan and implement professional development activities.

Use available resources and opportunities for professional growth.

Area Two: School Climate

Goals: The number of expulsions will decrease from the current baseline of 6% to 4% by 2017.

Strategies: Ensure the success of all students by transforming the climate into a nurturing culture of academic excellence.

Ensure the success of all students by managing its operations and the school organization resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment

Actively involve staff, parents, community and students in needs assessment, problem solving, and decision making for comprehensive school reform.

MMS School Highlights



Mayewood.....

- Twenty-three new members were inducted to the Mayewood Junior Beta Club. To be eligible for Junior Beta Club, students in grades six through eight must have achieved an A/B average or above in all of the four core academic subjects of math, language arts, science, and social studies during the first nine-weeks of the school year. Students must also possess and exhibit excellent character traits and maintain exemplary behavior in and outside the classroom.
- 12 students from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades received Golden Apple Awards from the Chamber of Commerce for 2013.
- Faculty, Staff, and students enjoyed a successful Career Fair with a luncheon that followed.
- Faculty, Staff, students and the community enjoyed the Social Studies Bazaar 2013: *Journey Across Time*.
- 31.7 % of all students in grades 6-8 made an 8 point increase on MAP III in ELA.
- 25.6 % of all students in grades 6-8 made an 8 point increase on MAP III in Math.
- A winner for the essay contest of the Sumter Area Reading Council

Principal's Message

The Mayewood Middle School Staff and I have watched our students work hard this past year to mature and become more responsible young men and women. We are proud of their growth academically and progress they have achieved. We have worked hard to ensure that all students' needs were met as we assisted them on this journey.

Once again, this year we have faced many challenges but our staff and students remained committed to reaching our goals for the year. According to the new NCLB waiver, we were identified by the South Carolina Department of Education as a Priority School. This identification allowed us to retool our efforts and become more focused on the goals we established in the Challenge to Achieve Plan for the year. Our students and staff have worked hard in using our district and state resources to accelerate achievement for our students. We took our challenges and converted them to positive and effective changes to stop a downward trend and have made significant gains according to our MAP assessments.

We are excited about our progress and effort exhibited by our students. Their "no quit" attitude has inspired everyone associated with this journey. Our motto, "Quest for Excellence" has truly guided us as we embarked upon this journey. Our staff worked tirelessly in creating an environment for high performance and a "quest for excellence." Our students have taken the torch in pursuit of excellence and success. Twenty-three of our students were inducted into the Junior Beta Club and the number of A-B and all A's Honor Rolls have increased each quarter.

To the Mayewood Middle School Staff, we express our greatest and sincere gratitude for your support and continued interest in our students' success. Your time and effort will allow our students the opportunity to flourish in their life endeavors.

Thank you, to all stakeholders involved in our educational journey as we improve the quality of life for our students. We extend a special appreciation to our parents for your continued support and partnership. You have made this an outstanding year for us and we are grateful for all that you do. Please continue to support our children as they continue their journey in becoming responsible citizens and life-long learners of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Koumas".

John Koumas, Principal