

## Achievements and Special Awards



YEAR	ABSOLUTE Rating	GROWTH Rating	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS
2010	Average	Average	N/A	Met
2009	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met
2008	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	Not Met

### PERFORMANCE

<u>2010</u>	<u>Last Year (2009)</u>
Attendance rate 94.3% (Up from last year)	93.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses 0.0%	No Change
Annual dropout rate 0.0%	Down from 0.3%
SACS accreditation Yes	No Change
% of AYP objectives met 100%	Up from 82.4%

### 2010 ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	10	30	24

### 2010-2011 School Improvement Council Members

David Laws, Jr	Ex-Officio
Bridgette Frazier	Teacher
Sharon Cheek	Teacher
Stanley Hayes	Teacher
Brenda Hairston	Chairperson
Frances Sapp	Teacher
Deirdre Hicks	Teacher
Jenai Edwards	Teacher
Annie Little	Parent
Stanley Cheek	Community
Cleyardis McDonald-Amaker	Parent

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## 2010-2011 Annual Report to Parents Chestnut Oaks Middle School

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### Administrative Staff

David Laws, Jr.—Principal  
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### Dear Parents and Community,

Chestnut Oaks Middle School (COMS) consists of approximately 505 students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Chestnut Oaks is one of three middle schools in Sumter School District 17.

The School Improvement Council at Chestnut Oaks Middle School has organized this report in hopes that you will have a clearer understanding of our school. This summary highlights the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plans.

### **Our Vision:**

The vision of Chestnut Oaks Middle School is to cultivate enthusiastic and lifelong, active listeners, articulate speakers, avid readers, and proficient writers through a variety of literacy experiences in all areas.

### **Our Mission:**

The mission of Chestnut Oaks Middle School is to deliver a comprehensive, standards based education utilizing best practices in order to meet the diverse needs of the students, the community, and society.



## Communication Mission

The communication mission for Chestnut Oaks Middle School is to improve understanding and support for the school through communication and customer service to employees, students, parents and the community at large.

## Goals for Improvement

**Goal 1: Increase collaboration among stakeholders to include staff, parents, students and community members.**

**Objective: In the 2010- 2011 school year, student achievement will increase as a result of varied opportunities for parental involvement.**

- Quarterly Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences
- Parent & community events, such as Grits with Grands, Men of Honor, Breakfast with My Girl, Meet My Minister, Aunts and Uncs Morning Munch
- Distribution of a parent/student handbook outlining policies and practices
- School marquee and website—upcoming events
- School's monthly newsletter
- Significantly increase student MAP score from Fall to Spring

**Goal 2: Maintain a positive school climate and foster character education**

**Objective: In the 2010- 2011 school year, COMS promote a safe and caring environment.**

\* Continue to implement the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Initiative to reward students for demonstrating positive behavior and character.

\* Use local business/community members during career days and special events

\*Continue to provide field trip incentives, celebrations, the redemption center and special recognition for those students consistently wear their academic attire and avoid discipline referrals

**Goal 3: Maintain a quality instruction program that promotes student achievement.**

**Objective: In the 2010- 2011 school year, COMS continue to implement the Teacher Advancement Program in order to attract, retain, develop and motivate talented people to the teaching profession.**

\*Implement research-based instructional strategies

\*Provide teachers with incentive pay for increased student achievement

\*Use student data to drive instruction

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### CHESTNUT OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL MET AYP!!! First Time in the school history!

\*COMS was awarded an Exemplar Award from PBIS for the second consecutive year.

\* Mr. Stanley Hayes, a sixth grade English teacher, was nominated by the faculty as Chestnut Oaks' Teacher of the Year for the 2011-2010 school year.

\*One student earned first honorable mention and three students earned second honorable mention at the Clemson Biology Merit Exam.

\*The PBIS program allowed teachers to use many strategies and methods that helped decrease the amount of time lost in classrooms on disruptions.

\* Attendance rate increased to 94.3% and behavior improved as students embraced uniforms.



Art Winner  
Work Entitled  
"No Texting While  
Driving."

