

School Report Card Ratings

RATINGS	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Absolute	At-Risk	Average	Below Average
Improvement	Below Average	Average	Average

Challenges

Chestnut Oaks Middle School faces several challenges. They are;

- 94% Free/Reduced lunch population
- Reduction in staffing due to budget cuts
- Significant reduction in funding
- Low parental involvement

Strategies to Address Challenges

Despite our challenges, Chestnut Oaks Middle School continues to be a school of rigorous academic instruction and a safe and friendly environment. We address our challenges and strive to achieve our goals by:

- Making maximum use of all allocated funds
- Recruiting, retaining, and supporting highly qualified teachers
- Conducting parent workshops and SIC meetings in the community
- Continuing to implement the PBIS program
- Implementing an Advisor/Advisee program to assist our students
- Implementing a Leadership and Literacy program to rejuvenate our emphasis on Reading-Writing-Public Speaking

School Improvement Council Members

David Laws Jr., Ex-Officio
Sharon Cheek, Ex-Officio
Betty Moses, Parent
Frances Sapp, Teacher
Ricky Simmons, Community

Katrina Frierson, Co-Chair
Cleyardis Amaker, Co-Chair
Noelle Saleh, Teacher
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2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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MISSION

The mission of Chestnut Oaks Middle School is to deliver a comprehensive; standards based education utilizing best practices in order to prepare students to be responsible, successful, and productive citizens in a global society.

David Laws Jr. --Principal
Neil Baldwin—Assistant Principal

Purpose of the Report

One of our continuous goals is to keep our parents and community informed. The purpose of this report is to share with parents and community members the school's achievements and student academic progress. This report also contains our SIC annual goals and progress achieved.

SIC Annual Goals

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

During this school year, we have increased our efforts to involve parents and community members. We held SIC meetings and workshops in the community where our students live to include Friendship and Harmony Court Apartments. This was a joint effort with the Sumter Housing Authority. Parents who attended the workshops received credit as required by the Housing Authority. Parents also received training on bullying, cyber-bullying, Internet safety, and how to be involved in their child's education.

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

Chestnut Oaks Middle School has been awarded the Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) "Exemplary" implementation award for the third consecutive year. Chestnut Oaks Middle School continues to reward students who demonstrate expected behavior with field trips, cook-out celebrations, and coupons for the redemption center. The school has also implemented the Bully Buster Club. The goal of the club is to define, identify, and encourage students to report instances of bullying.

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

Chestnut Oaks Middle School continues to implement the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) model. As a part of the TAP model, our teachers are supported and formally observed throughout the school year. All teachers participate in 60 minutes of professional development each week. Instructional strategies are based on researched best instructional practices. We have also contracted with Case 21 to provide reliable benchmark assessments. The benchmark assessments allow teachers and the leadership team to monitor student achievement. Supporting teachers with best instructional practices, monitoring classroom instruction, and analyzing student academic progress all contribute to increased student achievement.

2011-2012 CASE 21 Benchmark Data

Winter	Percent Proficient	Spring	Percent Proficient	Gains
6 th ELA	51.4%	6 th ELA	57.4%	+6.0%
7 th ELA	64.9%	7 th ELA	57.6%	-7.3%
8 th ELA	67.3%	8 th ELA	64.5%	-2.8%
6 th Math	71.8%	6 th Math	53.7%	-18.1%
7 th Math	47.1%	7 th Math	65.5%	+18.4%
8 th Math	39.6%	8 th Math	61.4%	+21.8%
6 th Science	60.4%	6 th Science	73.7%	+13.3%
7 th Science	83.8%	7 th Science	70.1%	-13.7%
8 th Science	74.1%	8 th Science	69.0%	-5.1%
6 th Social Studies	71.3%	6 th Social Studies	65.4%	-5.9%
7 th Social Studies	66.0%	7 th Social Studies	65.0%	-1.0%
8 th Social Studies	72.7%	8 th Social Studies	75.0%	+2.3%

Snapshot of Falcon Activities



Forensic Lab Exploration



WLJI Broadcasting Exploration



Golden Apple Award Winners