

School Report Card Ratings

RATINGS	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Absolute	At-Risk	Average	Below Average	Average
Improvement	Below Average	Average	Average	GOOD

Challenges

Chestnut Oaks Middle School faces several challenges. They are;

- 92% Free/Reduced lunch population
- Significant number of students reading below level
- Limited funding for innovative and enrichment programs
- 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:

- Implement READ 180 Lab to close the reading achievement gap
- Monitor student growth and academic needs using the TE-21 Benchmark assessment
- 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

School Improvement Council Members

David Laws Jr., Ex-Officio
 Bertha Timmons, Ex-Officio
 Darlene Daniels, Parent
 Marie Grady, Teacher
 Ricky Simmons, Community

Dana Mitchell, Chairperson
 Cleyardis Amaker, Parent
 Lisa Heath, Teacher
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2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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2011-2012 PALMETTO SILVER AWARD

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
 Candy Richburg—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 earned the Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) "Exemplary" implementation award three consecutive years. 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.

2012-2013 CASE 21 Benchmark Data

Subjects	Fall Percent Proficient	Spring Percent Proficient	Gains
6 th ELA	45.4	51.1	5.70%
7 th ELA	43.8	53.3	9.50%
8 th ELA	62.9	55	-7.90%
6 th Math	41	65.9	24.90%
7 th Math	59	58.6	-0.40%
8 th Math	51	57.7	6.70%
6 th Science	70.2	79	8.80%
7 th Science	69.9	77	7.10%
8 th Science	66.7	70.4	3.70%
6 th Social Studies	68.2	71.4	3.20%
7 th Social Studies	71.3	70.4	-0.90%
8 th Social Studies	71.8	70.6	-1.20%
Algebra I	92	100	8.00%

Snapshot of Falcon Activities



Forensic Lab Exploration



WLJI Broadcasting Exploration



Golden Apple Award Winners