



Castle Heights Middle School
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School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2021-2022

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by Castle Heights Middle School's School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting school goals and other accomplishments during the school year.

School Administration

Cynthia Robinson, Principal
Kenneth Gaither, Assistant Principal
Susan McNally, Assistant Principal
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Castle Heights SIC Members

Chair- Ms. Shana George-Perry, Parent
Marion Funderburk, Parent
Marquetta Massey, Parent
Tanisha Gordon, Teacher
Ann Whisonant, Community

Mission Statement

"If we all build positive, nurturing relationships, and sustain a welcoming culture.... Then, we will create, design, and collaborate in a safe, secure learning environment where all students and staff reach their highest potential.

Core Value

Building a better world, one student at a time

Schools to Watch



Castle Heights was designated as a National Forum Schools to Watch in 2011. The school has maintained that designation through the year 2022.

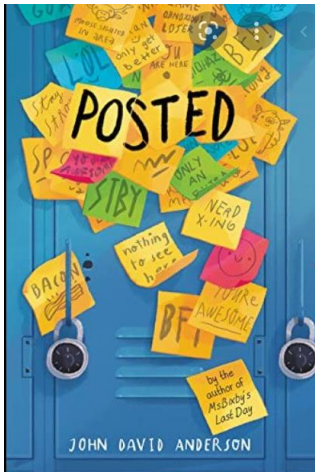
Schools To Watch criteria:

1. Castle Heights is a learning organization that establishes norms, structures, and organizational arrangements to support and sustain their trajectory toward excellence.
2. Castle Heights is academically excellent. We challenge all students to use their minds well.
3. Castle Heights is sensitive to the unique developmental challenges of early adolescence.
4. Castle Heights is socially equitable, democratic, and fair. We provide every student with high-quality teachers, resources, learning opportunities, and support. We keep positive options open for all students.

Academics

Our students take four core classes (ELA, math, science, social studies) and two related arts classes. Students are provided with challenging and engaging lessons that help cultivate the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the SC Graduate. Canvas is our learning management platform. Our parents can 'pair' with their child's Canvas course. This pairing serves as another level of communication with parents and school. As part of their related arts classes, students are exposed to chorus, orchestra, and band. Our students perform in various concerts and community events throughout the year. Our students are 1 to 1 with access to HP laptops. Teachers use Clear Touch and Promethean Panels to enhance classroom instruction.

School Literacy



Castle Heights is a Project Lit School. This year all students read novels by the author John David Anderson. Mr. Anderson visited our school. He conducted an assembly with all grade levels in the school auditorium and a one-on-one writing workshop with student small groups.

Diverse Student Population

The Catawba Indian Nation is the only federally recognized tribe in South Carolina, with modern day tribal lands located in York County. Castle Heights is the only middle school that serves this population.



SIC Goals 2021-2022

This year our focus was on building strong community partnerships. We were able to build a functional greenhouse with funds we received from DHEC. We also partnered with School Ministries who supported our students and teachers with school supplies, and teacher luncheons.



