

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

The mission of Springfield Middle School is to cultivate meaningful relationships, embrace diversity, and pursue academic excellence and equity for all students.

A Year in Review
2025-2026

This "A Year In Review" report, created by Springfield Middle School staff and the School Improvement Council (SIC), outlines our current progress, goals, achievements, and challenges.

Our objective is to keep the community fully informed about our school's successes and the areas where we continue to strive for growth.



<p style="text-align: center;">MAIN GOAL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1711 SPRINGFIELD PARKWAY FORT MILL, SC 29715 803.548.8199</p>
<p>For the 2025-2026 school year, we maintain our existing Strategic Plan goals while adding a targeted objective for our English as a Second Language (ESOL) learners, who comprise 20% of our student body. Our primary aim is to close the academic achievement gap between ESOL and non-ESOL students through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic intervention groups specifically for 6th and 8th grades. ● The hiring of an additional interventionist to provide direct support. ● Enhanced visibility and communication with identified students and their families. ● The utilization of Title I funds to support these academic and attendance improvements. <p>South Carolina State Report Card: EXCELLENT</p> <p>Springfield Middle School had an overall EXCELLENT rating. We were excellent in the area of Academic Achievement. We were GOOD in Multilingual Learners' Progress and Student Progress.</p> <p>SC Ready State Assessment 2024 ELA: Does Not Meet 10.6%; Approaches 20.6%; Meets 28.5%; Exceeds 40.2% 2024 MATH: Does Not Meet 15.2%; Approaches 28.3%; Meets 24.2%; Exceeds 32.2% 2025 ELA: Does Not Meet 9.1%; Approaches 16.2%; Meets 37.7%; Exceeds 37% 2025 MATH: Does Not Meet 11.5%; Approaches 24.8%; Meets 27.3%; Exceeds 36.4% 2025 Grade 6 Science: Does Not Meet 14.2%; Approaches 24.6%; Meets 34.2%; Exceeds 27%</p> <p>SFMS STAR ASSESSMENT FOR 2025-2026 SFMS demonstrated the highest growth in the district on both the STAR Reading and STAR Math assessments.</p> <p>SFMS 2025-2026 STAR Assessment Data Student Growth Percentile</p> <p>READING (Grades 6-8) 2025-2026 Fall to Spring Growth 72%</p> <p>MATH (Grades 6-8) 2025-2026 Fall to Spring Growth 71.9%</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Members of Springfield Middle School Improvement Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daniel Beels Principal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cardio Mack Assistant Principal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amy Rhodes Assistant Principal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scott Sinclair Assistant Principal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joanne Walker SIC Chairperson/Parent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Garrett Shipley Co-Chairperson, Teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sarah Myers Secretary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Latisha Jackson PTO President/Parent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bionca Wright Parent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jennifer Zimmerman Teacher</p>

MAJOR EVENTS, HONORS, GROUPS, AND AWARDS

School Honors and Activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SMS Teacher of the Year: Cambridge Gamble, 7th-grade ELA & SS ● SMS Support Staff of the Year: Leanne Summer, Psychologist ● Niche Report named SMS as the #1 Best Public Middle School in SC, #1 Most Diverse Middle School in SC, #2 Best Public Middle School Teachers in SC, and an A+ overall Niche Grade ● Numerous student engagement activities were held throughout the year, including the Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly, Black History Month Assembly, and Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Assembly, to raise awareness of the diverse array of cultures within our school. ● Safe Schools Ambassadors ● Hosted donation collection for families in need at a no-cost pop-up holiday market ● Cinderella's Closet ● Fall and Winter Blue Out ● Field Day and Tournament Day ● Redesigned the H3 system to focus on ELA and Math intervention ● After-school tutoring with transportation for students began in, with offerings 3 times per week ● Continued to integrate Ci3T into our school culture with ongoing rewards and celebrations, such as PRIDE Card Celebration Day ● Boys and Girls Empowerment Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encouraged student socialization with PTO hosted events such as 6th-grade social, 7th-grade social, 8th-grade dance, Tournament Day, 8th-grade breakfast, and various rewards such as Kona Ice. Additionally, the PTO hosted numerous fundraisers partnering with local businesses for Spirit Nights, donations, and Stellar Day to celebrate the student and staff efforts to raise funds to support our school. 28 8th graders identified as Junior Scholars based upon PSAT scores ● 73 new students inducted into Junior Beta Club ● Spotlight Night: Students and families participated in sample classroom activities, allowing them to experience instructional practices at SMS. ● Open House ● Popsicles with the Principals ● Mustang Mixer ● 8th Graders had an opportunity to job shadow ● 7th Graders attended district-sponsored Career Day ● Champions Walk to recognize academic and athletic success ● Veterans Day ● Culture Assemblies ● Many new invitations have been extended to SFMS students to attend ST-Arts at Winthrop |
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Staff Professional Development

- The STEAM team presented PD to the staff
- Staff attended the PLC Summit
- With Title I funds, the principal attended the Innovative Schools Summit in New York
- With Title I funds, 6th and 8th grade ELA and Math teachers attended 11 staff attended the Innovative Schools Summit in Orlando
- With Title I funds, 6th and 8th-grade ELA and Math teachers attended Yes We Can PD with Mandy Barrett
- All teachers participated in the Yes We Can Book Study by department
- Guidance participated in a Restorative Practices book study.
- All core PLCs in 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades participated in an All-Day PLC each semester with Lead Teacher, Literacy Specialist, and/or Math Specialist
- Members of the administrative team attended additional training related to PLC implementation

Extracurricular, Clubs, and Sports

SFMS, with the support of our Boosters, had such a wonderful year of Athletics. SFMS had teams in the following sports:

- Volleyball
- Football
- Cheer
- Pom Squad
- Step
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Flag Football
- Track and Field

A few key highlights of this year:

- 8th Grade Volleyball won Conference Championship
- 7th Grade Girls' Basketball won Conference Championship
- Students performed at the FMSD Dance Showcase
- An SFMS student placed 3rd overall in the FMSD Spelling Bee and advanced to the area Spelling Bee at Bank of America Stadium
- Girls Flag Football Championship
- Girls' Track won the regional championship
- SC Band Directors Association Concert Performance Assessment: Superior rating 7th and 8th Grade Bands
- Most Attended Clubs: FCA, Archery, Yearbook
- Biweekly clubs
- Academic Team
- Inaugural Teachers of Tomorrow Club
- Field Trips to Washington D.C., Orlando, and the Greenway
- HYPE Leaders welcomed 6th Grade Students to SFMS and lead Character Lessons

Community Partnerships

- Beta Club Members collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Coffee and Conversation, a monthly guided and open parent forum
- POP Fundraiser: Raising \$10,000 for school
- Donated \$5,000 to help open Flint Hill Middle School
- SIC and SFMS teachers and staff partnered with the Twin Lakes Neighborhood to strengthen relationships with students and their families
- Many new invitations were extended to SFMS students to attend ST-Arts at Winthrop University
- SFMS continues to partner with Winthrop University with student teachers
- Community members mentored 15 students
- PTO hosted a dance for 6th-grade and 8th-grade students.
- Veterans Day Breakfast
- 3 Book Fairs
- Winter Performing Arts Recital
- Spring 6th Grade Band Showcase at NAFO
- Teachers of Tomorrow Volunteered at SFES (reading) and DBES (field day)

