

# CSMS Mission and Vision

Our Vision – The faculty, staff, and community of Carolina Springs Middle School pulls together to create an exemplary, developmentally appropriate learning experience for adolescent learners through effective, innovative teaching practices, celebrating growth and effort, and building positive relationships.

To realize our vision, we will:  
Embrace differences, teach and model character, demonstrate personal, professional, and academic integrity, serve as positive mentors and role models, teach effective goal-setting, and hold ourselves and our students to the highest standards. **(Character)**

We will:  
Establish high expectations, teach our students to be self-directed, life-long learners who collaborate, think creatively, communicate effectively, think critically, and engage with rigorous coursework. In turn, we will provide academic support at every level, celebrate growth and effort, and be accountable for our results. **(Scholarship)**

We will:  
Develop respectful relationships with students and their families, create and encourage extracurricular opportunities and participation, plan and deliver engaging learning experiences, and encourage friendship. **(Memories)**

We will:  
Encourage ownership of our learning environment, seek curriculum-relevant service projects, and partner with our community and its leaders to help our students gain an understanding of global citizenship. **(Service)**

# With Gratitude to Our 2018-2019 School Improvement Council Members

## *Community Members*

Katherine Bernard, Kim Cash, Sharon Cloud, Patricia Driggers, Annette Havens, Jilian Kurka, Lisa McGee, Haley Mills, Jennifer Parker, Heisy Ramirez, Lynda Ramirez

## *Faculty and Staff*

Kelly Cagle, Brandy Ludlam

## *Administrators*

Dr. Brice Cockfield, Ryan Carpenter, Leah Sarantopoulos, Keith Tolleson

## **Purpose of Our Report**

*South Carolina Act 135 of 1993 requires each of the state's local School Improvement Councils (SICs) to publish and distribute a Report to the Parents by April 30th of each year highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of its five-year School Improvement Plan and the SICs annual goals. This report is unique to each school and is developed by the SIC with input of the principal to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.*

# Carolina Springs Middle School

## 2018-2019 Report to Our Parents



## *A Capturing Kids' Hearts 2018 -2019 National Showcase School*

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The faculty and staff of Carolina Springs Middle School (CSMS) are committed to and in pursuit of creating an exemplary learning experience for young adolescents through effective, innovative teaching practices, celebrating growth and effort, and building positive relationships.

In April, we proudly earned the distinction of a National Showcase Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) School! This honor underscores our shared focus and commitment to quality relationships as a foundation to our educational program. We intentionally cultivate healthy relationships and positive classroom environments to maximize each student's educational progress. Through CKH, we learn, practice, and develop power skills including interpersonal skills, self-advocacy skills, and good citizenship.

We continue to strengthen and refine our work with the student engagement instructional model by creating learning experiences that leverage technology, academic collaboration, and support of individual student needs through teacher-led small groups. We are proud to be in our second year as a member of the Dynamic Learning Project, a national program supported by Digital Promise, EdTechTeam, and Google, aimed at improving education equity by empowering teachers to leverage technology in more powerful ways.

CSMS intends to apply for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant to procure funds that will provide enrichment to students through an after school program. This program will provide extracurricular opportunities, additional academic support and targeted instruction to qualifying students who may otherwise not have access to such opportunities. Students will have the opportunity to learn financial literacy, leadership, goal setting, and other important life skills.

We are grateful for a supportive community partnerships that support growing and empowering each child to design the future. We have an active School Improvement Council and PTSA. Parents and guardians visited and volunteered in activities and events including All Pro Dads, "One Book, One School" Night, World Cultures Night, and various field trips. Huskies continued to give back to the community through acts of service by supporting Special Olympics, Relay for Life, and the United Way.

Our students continue to impress us with their creativity. This year, our students packed the Husky House with their first musical theater performance, *The Wizard of Oz*, the archery team competed in the State competition and earned third place overall, and the CSMS Dance Team won 1st overall at the Star Talent National Talent Competition!

Carolina Springs continues to build upon our tenets of Character, Scholarship, Memories and Service through all that we do for our students and families in this community.

## Husky Pride

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ 11 CSM students named as Junior Scholars
- ★ 461 students earned Honor Roll
- ★ 161 students earned all "A's"
- ★ 5 students earned all "A's" all three years at CSM
- ★ 8 students advanced to state level National History Day competition

### ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Archery team advanced to State Championships and earned the designation of 3rd place overall. 8th grader, Alex Massengill received Middle School Male Archery State Champion.

### FINE ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ 2 recognitions at South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association competition
- ★ 13 students accepted for Tri-DAC (9 orchestra, 1 dance, 5 band, 2 theater)
- ★ Seventh and Eighth grade orchestra students earned a Superior rating at SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment
- ★ 16 orchestra students participated in Lexington One District Honors Orchestra
- ★ 4 students participated in Lexington One District Honors Choir
- ★ Seventh and Eighth grade band students earned a Superior rating at SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment
- ★ 1 student accepted for South Carolina Junior All-State Orchestra!
- ★ 1 student accepted into SC Governor's School summer program
- ★ 7 students accepted for the Midlands Junior Region Orchestra
- ★ 12 student were selected and participated in the districts Honors Art program

### FINE ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS CONT'D

- ★ 5 First-Time acceptances to the Tri-District Arts Consortium summer camp
- ★ 11 students in the SCBDA Region 2 Band
- ★ 13 students in the Lexington One Honors Band
- ★ 2 students placed in the SCBDA All-State Band
- ★ Superior Rating at State Concert Performance Assessment
- ★ 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student pieces of student artwork displayed at Lexington One Central Services
- ★ Honors Art student work displayed at Lexington County courthouse
- ★ Dance students performed at District dance performance
- ★ 1 student won the Teacher's Choice Award at the 2018 Tri-DAC dance program.
- ★ The CSMS Dance Team won 1st overall at the Star Talent National Talent Competition

### FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Assessment for Region 1 (Spartanburg)
- ★ 6 teachers and 1 counselors are Nationally Board Certified
- ★ Ms. Simmons, Drama teacher received the following grants: Bright Ideas Grant Recipient, SC State Credit Union Teacher Grant Recipient, Walmart Community Grant Recipient

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ★ Student vs. Faculty basketball game fundraiser funds to support Special Olympics and Project UNIFY
- ★ Contributed more than \$1,000 to United Way
- ★ Proud supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

### OTHER HONORS OR DISTINCTIONS

- ★ One of 50 schools in the nation selected to be a Google Digital Promise school
- ★ Selected as a Capturing Kids Hearts National Showcase School by the Flippen Group.