

CSMS Mission and Vision

Our Vision – The faculty, staff, and community of Carolina Springs Middle School *pulls together* to empower each child to design the future.

To realize our vision, we will:

Character

Embrace differences, serve as positive mentors and role models, and hold ourselves and our students to the highest standards.

Scholarship

Teach students how to learn, to collaborate, to communicate effectively, and to think creatively and critically.

Memories

Nurture positive relationships through the arts, athletics, and academics.

Service

Encourage a personal investment in our learning environment and we partner with our community to foster a global perspective.

With Gratitude to Our 2019-2020 School Improvement Council Members

Community Members

Kim Cash, Sharon Cloud, Patricia Driggers, Annette Havens, Jilian Kurka, Lisa McGee, Haley Mills, Heisy Ramirez, & Colleen White

Faculty and Staff

Brandy Ludlam, Janet Reamy, Monica Willis, & Jennifer Simmons

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

2019-2020
Report to Our Parents



A Capturing Kids' Hearts 2019 -2020 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 best practices and innovative pedagogy, celebrations of growth and effort, and the development of healthy relationships.

Our Commitments:

Commitment #1: All CSMS students, regardless of circumstances, will develop strategies and skills to advance on time and continue their educational journey toward graduation, college entrance, military or to enter industry with certification.

Commitment #2: Implement strategies that develop power skills in all students - accountability, critical thinking, communication, interpersonal skills, integrity, perseverance, collaboration, and willingness to take risks.

Commitment #3: Be a service-oriented center of learning, committed to developing healthy family and community partnerships.

Commitment #4: Equip every adult with the skills and resources necessary to advocate for and ensure the success of all students.

Our Performance Goals:

1. Increase the percentage of students who are progressing on-time with the requisite skills for success at their current grade levels.
2. Implement strategies to improve equity in high-level coursework.
3. Implement strategies to improve performance in high-level coursework.
4. Improve the conditions that lead to student success in school by utilizing a system of advocacy for each child that facilitates healthy social and emotional growth.

In April, we proudly earned the distinction of a National Showcase Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) School for a second year in a row! 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.

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 third year as a member of the Dynamic Learning Project, a national program supported by Digital Promise, EdTechTeam, and Google that improves equity in education by empowering teachers to leverage technology powerful ways.

This year CSMS began to implement AVID to intentionally support and equip all students in achieving their post-secondary goals. CSMS has also applied for a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant 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.

We are grateful for 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 our "One Book, One School" Night, concerts, 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 the musical theater production of *Shrek Jr.*, the archery team won the 2020 SCDNR NASP Middle School Bullseye Archery state championship, and the CSMS Girls Basketball team went undefeated and won the Lex10 Conference Championship!

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ 5 CSM students named as Junior Scholars
- ★ 320 students earned Honor Roll
- ★ 109 students earned all "A's"
- ★ 8 students advanced to state level National History Day competition
- ★ 2 students (1 alternate) advanced to the national level of the National History Day competition

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Archery team won the 2020 SCDNR NASP Middle School Bullseye Archery state championship
- ★ CSMS Girls Basketball team went undefeated and won the Lex10 conference championship

FINE ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Eighth grade orchestra students earned a Superior rating at SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment
- ★ Competition dance team earned first place awards at three different competitions
- ★ Due to school closure, our Fine Arts department and its students were unable to perform in Spring competitions

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ 3 teachers and 1 counselor are Nationally Board Certified
- ★ 25 staff members are Level 1 Certified Google Educators
- ★ Leah Sarantopoulos, AP, was named South Carolina's Assistant Principal of the Year.
- ★ Brandy Ludlam, Director of School Counseling and her staff were awarded a RAMP designation (Recognized ASCA Model Program)
- ★ Ms. Simmons, Drama teacher, received the 2019 BookTix National Conference grant

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ★ 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 for the second consecutive year.