2015-2016 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

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Greenville Middle School Academy of Traditional and Global Studies maintains an emphasis on reading, writing, and vocabulary development across the curriculum with a strong liberal arts interdisciplinary curriculum. Our program also includes a global focus which incorporates skills identified by the *Partnership for the 21st Century*. Because 21st Century Skills include "world languages," Greenville Middle will continue to expand our foreign language program. Our school currently offers Spanish and French for exploratory classes and high school credit.

Some features of Greenville Middle School, Academy of Traditional and Global Studies are:

- Magnet School for Traditional and Global Studies
- High School Credit Awarded for Algebra I, Geometry, Honors English I, Spanish I, French I and II, and a French Transition Program
- First Responder Program with Personnel Trained to Respond to Emergencies
- Global Studies Classes and Interdisciplinary School-Wide Curriculum Projects
- Latin/Greek Stems Vocabulary Development Program
- STEAM Science Labs and Instruction
- Media Literacy Digital Displays and On-Line Publications
- Library/Media Center—over 25,000 Titles for Student Check-out
- 30 Station Publishing Computer Lab, Journalism Computer Lab, Keyboarding Lab, 20 Station Research Lab, 6 Portable Lap-top Labs, 5 Chrome Book Carts
- Related Arts Courses: Band, Strings, Chorus, Art, Photography, Yearbook, Broadcasting, Journalism, Spanish, French, Physical Education, Global Studies, Input Technology, Drama/Forensics, Peer Tutoring, Radio
- Gifted and Talented Program
- National Junior Beta Club and National Junior Honor Society
- Math Counts, International Languages Club, Geography Bee, Quiz Bowl, Battle of the Books, Mock Trial, Youth in Government, Robotics, Interscholastic and Intramural Sport Teams.

Greenville Middle Academy and its students receive district, state, and national recognition.

- Met State and National Adequate Yearly Progress Criteria (Six Years)
 - The No Child Left Behind Act is the federal law that evaluates public school performance to see whether specific groups of students are making "Adequate Yearly Progress." Greenville Middle was named 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Palmetto Gold Award winner for student achievement.
- Excellent Absolute and Growth Ratings on the State School Report Card in 2013, 2014 and 2015
- Test Scores above District and State averages
- Palmetto's Finest School
- Multiple Award-Winning PTA
- Junior Scholars/Duke Tip
- Student Awards and Recognition Program
- Multiple State/National PTA Reflections Winners
- State Beta Club Quiz Bowl Champions (2013) Runner-Up (2014)
- State Beta Club Competition Winners
- Fourteen National Board Certified Teachers
- Runner-Up Teacher of the Year in Greenville County
- State PTA Principal of the Year
- Award Winning Strings Program
- Active PTA and SIC





