

BECK INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Report to the Community May 2020



BECK INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Beck Academy is to meet the academic needs of our culturally diverse student body in a safe environment that nurtures, accepts and encourages all students to be productive citizens of the global community, lifelong learners and future leaders.



ADMINISTRATION

Principal– Jennifer Meisten

Assistant Principals: Sheila Green

Gage McAngus

Jennifer Woody



SCHOOL PROFILE

Beck Academy is located in Greenville, SC and serves 980 students. We serve a diverse student population with students from over 25 elementary schools. Our school wide magnet program focuses on International Relations and Public Service. We have students from 25 countries who speak over 24 different languages. Every year our school hosts a student-led International Festival featuring the customs, culture, traditions, foods and favorite pastimes of various countries. As part of our international focus, Beck students have the opportunity to take a foreign language all three years and can study French or Spanish. Beginning in the 7th grade, students can take foreign language classes for high school credit and may complete the first two years of study prior to entering high school. Beck students are encouraged to serve their local and global community through community service hours and projects. For the past two years the Beck faculty and staff have focused on the initiative called Capturing Kids Hearts. This school-wide program focuses on building relationship capacity between students and teachers. In 2020 Beck Academy became a nominee as a Capturing Kids Hearts showcase school.

Beck moved to a new location on Woodruff Rd. in 2006 and continues to enjoy a state of the art facility. In 2020 Beck was named a National School to Watch which identifies schools across the United States who are meeting high performance criteria. Our students take part in a rigorous academic curriculum, offering high school credit classes in Math, English, Foreign Language, and Computer Science. Students can also select a variety of related art offerings including drama, chorus, band, strings, computer technology, art, Gateway to Technology and Lead Worthy. With a strong emphasis on building an inclusive culture, Beck is recognized as a Special Olympics Unified School. Our Adaptive classes offer students the opportunity to serve as peer buddies and accompany our students to the Special Olympics.



Outstanding Programs and Features

- ◆ National School to Watch
- ◆ High School Credit Classes including Algebra I Honors, English I Honors, Geometry Honors, Spanish I, Spanish II, French I, French II, Google Apps, Band Honors, Strings Honors, Chorus Honors, and Computer Science
- ◆ Capturing Kids Hearts
- ◆ Capturing Kids Hearts Showcase School Nominee
- ◆ Special Olympics Unified School
- ◆ National Junior Beta Club
- ◆ Student Government Association
- ◆ Smart Arts– Artist in Residence Program
- ◆ Magnet Program focusing on International Relations and Public Service
- ◆ Science Labs
- ◆ Art Studio with Kiln Room
- ◆ Excellent Athletic Fields
- ◆ District Champions in Various Athletic Sports
- ◆ Intramural Sports
- ◆ Tennis Courts
- ◆ Gateway to Technology lab including 3d Printers
- ◆ STEM Lab
- ◆ Formalized Mentors
- ◆ Award Winning Band and String Programs
- ◆ Award Winning Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- ◆ Performance Arts Program
- ◆ School Improvement Council (SIC)
- ◆ School Counselors located on the grade level hallways
- ◆ Student Incentive Programs include: Marvelous Mondays, Community and Service Learning, Honor Roll, Attendance, Student of the Month and Most Improved
- ◆ Extended Day Program
- ◆ Student Led Conferences
- ◆ Community Service Learning
- ◆ Youth in Government
- ◆ Lead Worthy Program with local law enforcement
- ◆ Model UN
- ◆ Afterschool Clubs and Activities





Students in a class hosted “Friendsgiving” to show their teachers appreciation.



7th grade ELA teachers working with students during a simulation activity.



6th grade counselor helping a student with organization.

- ◆ As a school, we will continue to foster a student focused learning environment that allows all students to achieve their maximum potential.
- ◆ For the last two years, Beck has been implementing a school wide initiative, Capturing Kids Hearts, which has a heavy focus on building relationships between students and school faculty.
- ◆ Teachers participate in collaborative small group planning sessions and review individual student data to ensure that all students are making progress. In addition, to ensure student progress, teachers also utilize common assessment tools in all academic areas.
- ◆ Although academics are a strong focus, students’ social and emotional needs are vital to students’ success. In order to achieve this, Beck has grade level appointed administrators, counselors, and special education teachers located on the grade level halls. This supports the whole child.
- ◆ Teachers continue professional development that focuses on effective and meaningful integration of technology in the classroom. This aligns with our one to one initiative, which assist students’ use of personal chromebooks in the classroom and home. We also house a student led Chrome Depot on campus that allows students to support their peers with technology tips and troubleshooting.

Achievements and Honors



Palmetto Gold Awards

Palmetto Silver Awards

PTSA Principal of the Year

State PTSA Teacher of the Year

State PTSA Support Staff of the Year

Gold Oak Leaf Association PTSA

Excellence in Communication

Red Carpet School

National PTSA School of Excellence

Platinum PTSA status

Top 10 Membership in state

District and State Reflections Awards

District Visual Arts Awards

Forensics Winners

Top Performing Middle School for District and State

SC Junior Scholars/150 +Duke TIP Scholars

All-State, Region, and County Orchestra and Band Winners Superior Scores at Orchestra Festivals and Competitions

LiveWell Greenville Grant Recipient

Multiple Donor's Choose Grants for Technology Gateway to Technology Grant Recipient

