

BECK INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Report to the Community May 2019



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LIES IN DIF-
FERENCES,
NOT IN
SIMILARITIES"

-STEPHEN
COVEY

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. This year the Beck faculty and staff began a new initiative, Capturing Kids Hearts. This school-wide program focuses on building relationship capacity between students and teachers.

Beck moved to a new location on Woodruff Rd. in 2006 and continues to enjoy a state of the art facility. 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, and Gateway to Technology. With a strong emphasis on building an inclusive culture, Beck is recognized as a Special Olympics Unified School. Our Adaptive classes offers students the opportunity to serve as peer buddies and accompany our students to the Special Olympics.



Outstanding Programs and Features

- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Intramural Sports
- ◆ Tennis Courts
- ◆ Award Winning Band and String Programs
- ◆ Award Winning Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- ◆ School Improvement Council (SIC)
- ◆ Guidance Counselors located on the grade level hallways
- ◆ Formalized Mentors
- ◆ G.E. Math/Science Enrichment Program
- ◆ Google Club
- ◆ Extended Day Program
- ◆ Student Led Conferences
- ◆ Community Service Learning
- ◆ Youth in Government
- ◆ Special Olympics Unified School
- ◆ Afterschool Clubs and Activities
- ◆ Student Incentive Programs include:
 - Marvelous Mondays, Community and Service Learning, Attendance and Most Improved



Students in art classes designed and constructed Totem Poles that are now a permanent installation.



Symphonic Band received a Superior Rating.



Chihuly inspired designs.

As a school, we will continue to foster a student focused learning environment that allows all students to achieve their maximum potential.

This year, Beck has begun a school wide initiative, Capturing Kids Hearts, which builds relationship capacity between students and teachers.

Teachers participate in collaborative small group planning sessions and review individual student data to ensure that all students are making progress. Teachers utilize common assessment tools in all academic areas and complete item analysis to drive instruction.

Teachers will continue to focus on teaching research, close reading, and writing strategies throughout all content areas. Beck Academy utilizes a school wide writing model, Schafer, that is taught and reinforced in every grade level.

Professional development will continue to focus on effective and meaningful integration of technology in the classroom in preparation for our one to one initiative that will take place next year.

Our students participate in various extra curricular activities and clubs as well as sports. Our students have excelled at Math Counts, Youth In Government, Reflections, Model UN and Juried Art Show.

Achievements and Honors



Palmetto Gold Awards

Palmetto Silver Awards

PTSA Principal of the Year

State PTA Teacher of the Year

State PTA Support Staff of the Year

Gold Oak Leaf Association PTSA

Excellence in Communication

Red Carpet School

National PTA School of Excellence

Platinum PTA 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

