

Additional Information

Beck Academy is an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme School and serves 1007 students. It was the first middle school in South Carolina to become an IB MYP school in 2000. It is a Select Magnet School focusing on International Studies.

Beck moved to a new location on Woodruff Rd. in 2006 and continues to enjoy its state of the art facilities featuring:

- Specifically designed restrooms for orthopedic satellite program
- 7 Science Labs
- Cafetorium
- Wireless Overlay
- “Touch” doors making us handicap accessible throughout the school
- Art Studio with kiln room
- Excellent Athletic Fields
- Tennis Courts
- 6 mobile laptop labs
- 2 computer labs
- Chromebooks and iPads
- Promethean Boards in all classes
- Band, Choral, and String Rooms

Beck also serves as the Satellite school for the district for its Orthopedic Impaired, Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired students.

To receive information about Beck Academy on a regular basis, please sign up for our electronic newsletter, eNews by entering your email address into the appropriate field on the front page of the school’s website.

School Programs

- Fine Arts Studies in Art, String, Drama, and Band
- Art Club
- Yearbook Class
- Gateway to Technology Program
- 79% of teachers with Advanced Degrees
- 3 Staff Members hold National Board Certification
- Guidance Staff provide: S.P.O.T. (Supporting Parents of Teens), Welcome A Knight, Friendship Group (grade 6), STEP UP (Grade 7), Bully Prevention Program (Grade 6), READY SET HIGH SCHOOL (Grade 8), Career Assessment and Activities Program
- Student Mentoring Programs including:
 - Formalized Mentors
 - G.E. Math/Science Enrichment Program
- Boys and Girls Book Clubs
- Google Club
- Extended Day Program
- Student Led Conferences
- Community Service Learning
- Youth in Government
- Speech & Forensics Team
- Pro-Team Mentoring
- SmartPhone App
- Beta Club, Student Council, Robotics, Math Counts
- Student Incentive Programs include:
 - Marvelous Mondays, Community and Service Learning, Attendance and Grade Awards, IB Learner of the Month, Beck Knight

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Beck Academy's Mission

The mission of Beck Academy, an International Baccalaureate School, 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, life-long learners and future leaders.

Instructional Focus

As a school, we will continue to focus on collaborative small group planning and building common assessment tools in all academic areas. Teachers will continue to focus on teaching research, close reading, and writing strategies throughout all content areas.

Professional development will focus on two main areas this year: technology and effective inclusion practices. Teachers will participate in monthly training sessions that focus on incorporating new technology in the classroom to engage learners in the 21st century.

Teachers will participate in ongoing training targeted at building effective co-teaching models that enable teachers to bridge the learning gap and provide meaningful, inclusive instruction for all learners.

*Traditionally, our achievement goals have been measured by student achievement on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math. For the 2014-2015 school year, students will be taking the ACT Aspire test in Reading, Writing and Math.

Student Achievement

In 2014 Beck Academy received an absolute rating of **EXCELLENT** and an improvement rating of **EXCELLENT** on our School Report Card for the 3rd year in a row. Our Federal Accountability Letter Grade was a B.

Our percentages of students scoring MET or EXEMPLARY on PASS for 2014 as indicated on our School Report Card were:

Subject	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Math	75.5	74.8	78.6	77.1	74.4
ELA	75.4	75.8	81.3	78.6	74.4
Writing	73.9	78.4	83.3	83.4	76.1
Science	71.6	76	85.4	84.5	80.5
Social Studies	69.7	76.6	77.5	77.6	78.4

Our letter grade is assigned based on our school's performance on PASS. Our scores are reported by subgroups according to race, gender, free and reduced lunch status, English language proficiency, and disability status. The number of subgroups varies from school to school based on the diversity of the school and amount of students that are in a subgroup. These scores are then averaged into points resulting in a letter grade.

Currently 39% of our students are on free and reduced lunch status and over 12% of our population is students with disabilities.

"For more information, you may view Beck Academy's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov."

Awards/Recognition

Academic

- Palmetto Gold Awards
- Palmetto Silver Awards
- Excellent Report Card Ratings

Community

- State PTA Teacher of the Year
- State PTA Support Staff of the Year
- PTSA Excellence in Communication
- Gold Oak Leaf Association
- Red Carpet School
- National PTA School of Excellence
- Platinum PTA status
- Top 10 Membership in state

Student

- All-State, Region, and County Orchestra and Band Winners
- SC Junior Scholars/150 +Duke TIP Scholars
- District Visual Arts Awards
- District and State Reflections Awards

Clubs

- Youth In Government
- Forensics Winners
- Region and State Robotics
- State BETA Club Winners

Athletics

- District Championships
 - Girls/Boys Soccer
 - Girls/Boys Basketball
 - Volleyball
- Conference Championships
 - All Sports

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by Beck Academy in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."