

2011–2012 Points of Pride

- 2011 Palmetto Award Recipient
- DD II Spelling Bee District Champion
- Geography Bee State Qualifier
- 1st place Math is Cool
- Quest Competition...2nd and 3rd place in Spanish, 2nd place creative writing
- Only middle school pep band and jazz band in the district
- Band earned Excellent rating at Charleston Music Festival
- Hosted District Robotics Competition
- Robotics team qualified for state competition 2nd consecutive year
- 1st place Robot Design at state competition
- Distinguished Arts Program Grant Recipient
- The Wizard of Oz performed in March. 1st ever musical at River Oaks.
- Volleyball District Champs 2nd consecutive year
- Boys Basketball Undefeated District Champions
- Established Spanish Honor Society
- Rookie Teacher of the Year Ms. Cowart named one of four District Honor Rookie Teachers
- Positive Referral System Implemented...over 600 Positive Referrals earned by our students



Quarterly Honor Roll Celebration

Each quarter students making the A Honor Roll and A/B Honor Roll are invited by administration to participate in a school sponsored celebration in recognition of their academic accomplishments.

School Improvement Council

- Terrance McLeod-Chair/Parent
Jonathan Rushin-Co-Chair/Teacher
Siegie Daniel-Parent
Cait Denny-Secretary/Teacher
Alison Kenny-Teacher
Katie Brown—Community Member
Rob Goodenough-Principal
Mark Peele-School Resource Officer

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to a school's principal and faculty. Unlike PTA's and other voluntary school organizations, councils are mandated by law to exist in every public school in South Carolina. SICs play a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve their local school. More than 16,000 people serve on SICs in South Carolina.

How can parents become involved in helping their student succeed?

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Discuss Interim & Report grades with student
- PTSA/SIC Meetings
- Volunteering to Assist Teachers

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RIVER OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual Report to the Parents

2011 –2012



The Bobcat Way

Passion, Unity, Servanthood, Humility, Thankfulness

***Rob Goodenough
Principal***

***Ayanna Bryant-Gadson
Assistant Principal***

***Chuck Kirtley
Assistant Principal***

State of SC

Annual Report Card Ratings

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2011	Good	Good
2010	Average	Good
2009	Average	Average
2008	Below Average	Below Average

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Increase performance rates of all students on state and local assessments to promote on-time graduation.

- Provide common planning for teachers.
- Adhere to support document in collaborative planning and maintain pacing.
- Provide directed support to teachers on all EDI components in lesson plans.
- Provide strategies to teachers on differences in revisiting, reviewing, and re-teaching.
- Provide support and training to co-teaching teams on multiple strategies.
- Provide for use of technology during interactive lessons to increase student engagement.
- Provide continued professional development opportunities to all teachers on differentiation and higher-level thinking processes.

Continue Implementation of academic and behavioral interventions to maximize differentiation.

- Provide fluid scheduling in Compass based upon progress monitoring.
- Continue use of positive behavior interventions and behavior teaching matrix.
- Utilize content benchmark data to guide differentiated instruction in all classes.
- Utilize multiple grouping strategies based upon student needs and data to differentiate instruction.
- Continue to provide intervention opportunities for targeted groups of students to maximize intervention time and utilize supplemental materials.
- Share instructional strategies and focus on data to make instructional delivery intentional.

A letter from the SIC Chairman and Principal:

River Oaks Middle School is located off of Dorchester Road on the border of Dorchester and Charleston counties. We are dedicated to providing a safe environment in order to maximize the academic, creative, athletic, and emotional potential of each student. Our staff of administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, teaching assistants, business partners, and community volunteers provides services that allow each of our students the opportunity to reach their full potential. River Oaks Middle School offers a rigorous, relevant, and challenging curriculum that advances the learning of all of our students.

River Oaks Middle School is a proud recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award for the 2010-2011 school year. Our students continue to progress in all academic areas as evidenced by analyzing our PASS data and our Benchmark data. We have 10 Junior Scholar recipients and several students who have earned state level recognition through the Duke TIP program.

River Oaks Middle School students enjoy many opportunities to enhance their educational experience through the arts and electives. We offer classes in piano, guitar, dance, physical education, band, strings, chorus, visual arts, and Spanish. Also, students have the opportunity to participate in QUEST academic teams, NJHS, Robotics, Geography Bee and many more. The Bobcat Band had the only Pep Band in the district and played at all home football and basketball games. The Bobcat Jazz Band was started this year and entertained at the District PTSA Awards. One student qualified for the state competition in the Geography Bee and one of our 6th graders was the Dorchester District II Spelling Bee Champion. Robotics had a very successful year placing 2nd in our district competition, hosted right here at River Oaks, thus qualifying for the State competition for the 2nd consecutive year.

River Oaks Middle School also offers our students a chance to participate in football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, baseball, and softball. Our seven teams were very successful this year. Volleyball won their 2nd consecutive district championship winning their final 11 matches. Boys basketball completed a perfect 12-0 season with a district championship of their own.

River Oaks Middle School will continue to meet the challenges of forging a strong relationship with our school community and strive to provide all students opportunities to maximize their potential as we do things The Bobcat Way.

Rob Goodenough, Principal

Terrance McLeod, SIC Chairperson

River Oaks Middle School Goals

ACADEMIC GOAL

We will enhance learning by helping students set individual academic goals, providing recognition for academic achievement, and assisting teachers in utilizing data analysis to make student learning more engaging and meaningful.

BEHAVIOR GOAL

The incidence of minor infractions will decrease by 30% as we strengthen PBIS implementation throughout all areas of the school by utilizing student leadership, providing a variety of positive reinforcements for students, and having clear expectations for behavior for all of the ROMS Community.

COMMUNITY GOAL

We will develop the culture and identity of ROMS by instilling pride in the Bobcat culture, through identification of a school academic identity, and by increasing business partnerships and volunteerism.



Mission Statement

The mission of River Oaks Middle School is to provide students with knowledge, skills, and experiences that enable them to reach their fullest potential as independent thinkers as well as responsible and productive citizens. By providing an education in an atmosphere that encourages creativity, physical and emotional well-being, and tolerance for diversity, we seek to address the unique needs of the young adolescent in an ever-changing society.