

2013-14 Points of Pride

- “A” rating on Federal Report card (2nd year in a row)
- 2013 Palmetto Silver Award Recipient
- Received the News 2 “Cool School” Award
- Geography Bee State Qualifier
- Quest Competition (3rd place Spanish)
- Only middle school pep band and jazz band in the district
- Only middle school in the district with a Civil Air Patrol program
- Hosted District Robotics Competition
- Robotics team qualified for state competition (4th consecutive year)
- Distinguished Arts Program Grant Recipient
- The “Seussical” performed in March
- Honor Band and Chorus selected to perform at Walt Disney World
- Football won the District Championship
- Volleyball won the District Championship
- Boys Basketball won the District Championship (3rd consecutive year)
- Girls Basketball finished District Runner-Up
- 5 State Wrestling Qualifiers
- National Junior Beta Club attended State Convention
- Matthew Moschel named River Oaks Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Stephanie Dean named Rookie Teacher of the Year
- Adri Salvador named Star Performer of the Year
- Eric Hanks received the Live 5 Golden Apple Award
- Quarterly Honor Roll Celebration
- Implementation of PRIDE period (mentor) once per month



School Improvement Council

Tara Elzer- Chair

Allison Marecki—Teacher

Rebecca Wnek—Teacher

Bobby Grant—Parent

April Dupree—Parent

Faith Sharkey—Nurse

Scott Matthews - Principal/Ex-Officio

Officer James Parker—Community

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.

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RIVER OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual Report to the Parents

2013-14



Excellence Innovation Relationships

Scott Matthews
Principal

Ayanna Bryant-Gadson
Assistant Principal

Bradley Rodgers
Assistant Principal

Alycia Williams
Assistant Principal

Annual Report Card Ratings

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Good	Good



Current Enrollment

6th grade - 333

7th grade - 335

8th grade - 349

A letter from the SIC Chairman and Principal:

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

River Oaks Middle School is a school where excellence, innovation and the building and sustaining of relationships is our focus. River Oaks is located in a beautiful neighborhood in the southern corner of Dorchester 2 District, and has experienced wonderful growth in the seven years it has existed.

Located in a community that includes employers such as Bosch, Boeing and the Charleston Air Force Base, to name a few, it is no wonder that our school has a rich variety of opportunities for its students. Classes and after school offerings at River Oaks are as plentiful and diverse as our student population. During the school day our classes ranging from steel drums and guitar to technology and Spanish are available. River Oaks students also have exciting after school activities that cover a wide spectrum of interests such as athletics, Junior Beta Club, award winning robotics team and Civil Air Patrol Auxiliary.

The dedicated administration and staff at River Oaks Middle School are excited about working with students and parents. They are focused on the education of the whole child in order to prepare them for the challenging yet exciting future. In addition to academics we are focusing on improving the health and wellness of our River Oaks Community. We welcome you to River Oaks Middle School and encourage you to get to know us better!

Respectfully,

Tara Elzer, *School Improvement Council Chair*

Scott Matthews, *Principal*

River Oaks Middle School Goals

ACADEMIC GOAL

To improve the overall academic ELA/Writing scores of all students by increasing the number of instructional minutes in English Language Arts. Reading and writing will be split into two separate core classes.

BEHAVIOR GOAL

To improve the climate of River Oaks Middle School by increasing student/staff recognition opportunities and loss of instructional time through the implementation of **Positive Behavioral Intervention Support**.

COMMUNITY GOAL

Collaborate with local business and industry to provide materials and resources related to student learning and increase parent involvement in all parent working groups (PTSA/SIC).

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.

Vision Statement

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.