

2012–2013 Points of Pride

- “A” rating on Federal Report card
- 2012 Palmetto Award Recipient
- DD II Spelling Bee District Champion–Cassidy Etue (2nd consecutive year)
- Geography Bee State Qualifier
- Quest Competition...2nd in Science
- Only middle school pep band and jazz band in the district
- Band earned Superior Rating at State Concert Festival
- Hosted District Robotics Competition
- Robotics team qualified for state competition (3rd consecutive year)
- Strings received superior rating at the State Festival
- 1st place Robot Design at state competition
- Distinguished Arts Program Grant Recipient
- The Music Man performed in April.
- Boys Basketball District Champions (2nd consecutive year)
- Established National Junior Beta Club
- Allison Blanton named River Oaks Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Rookie Teacher of the Finalist Ms. Lines named one of four District Honor Rookie Teachers
- Joyce Becwar named Star Performer of the Year
- Quarterly Honor Roll Celebration
- Implementation of the Bobcat of the Week and Month to recognize outstanding students
- Implementation of PBIS “Bobcat Bucks” to recognize good behavior exhibited by students



School Improvement Council

Tara Elzer- Chair/Teacher

Lois Agee - Parent

Terrance McLeod - Parent

Allison Blanton -Teacher

Scott Matthews - Principal/Ex-Officio

Ashley Thompson-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.

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RIVER OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual Report to the Parents

2012–2013



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
2012	Good	Good
2011	Good	Good
2010	Average	Good



Current Enrollment

6th grade - 313

7th grade - 364

8th grade - 326

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 six years it has existed.

Located in a community that includes employers such as Bosh, 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 High Beta Club, award winning robotics team and Civil Air Patrol Auxiliary to name a few.

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. 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 **P**ositive **B**ehavioral **I**ntervention **S**upport.

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.