

Dutchman Creek Middle School is the largest middle school in York County. Our continual growth is a reflection of the outstanding support of our community and the diversity of our staff. We've celebrated school wide gains for our improvements with the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments and have earned the distinction as a Palmetto Gold school for four consecutive years.

At Dutchman Creek Middle School, we thrive on our customer service model. Our goal is to ensure that we provide an excellent education for our stakeholders. Our visibility, availability, and daily character education reminders helps to reduce discipline infractions. Dutchman Creek has adopted the Professional Learning Communities philosophy, which allows teachers to make data based decisions in regards to instruction.

Student achievement is a top priority at Dutchman Creek. The South Carolina Junior Scholars Program was developed by the South Carolina Department of Education to identify 8th grade students who have extraordinary academic talent for involvement in advanced programs. 16 of our 8th grade students earned the honor of being named South Carolina Junior Scholars for the 2014-2015 school. We also had 43 7th grade students who qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

We also take great pride in the arts! Our band, chorus, and orchestra all received the highest rating of Superior at their respective state assessments. Members of the DCMS orchestra and chorus received Superior ratings from all judges at the Carowinds Music Festival. In addition to two major performances this year, the Theatre Arts department at Dutchman Creek Middle School also received 5 Superior Ratings at state level competition.

DCMS students and faculty continue to make a difference in our community. Students raised over \$8,000 for Mayan Hands, Breast Cancer Awareness and for specific families in our community this year through the Gator Giving Tree.

We also take pride in our athletes! The DCMS athletic department won conference championships in 8th grade football, 8th grade volleyball, 8th grade basketball, and boys and girls track. Of the 220 students we have participating 94% maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA. We excelled in every area this year!

As we prepare for our eighth year, we will continue to focus on increasing the levels of achievement for our students and families, continue to provide a nurturing environment, and maintain a "Customer Service" philosophy.