

**School Improvement Council Members
2014 -2015**

Elected Parent Representatives

Maria Bell
Katrina Brown
Kristen Keller
Diana Magnan
Rebecca Mastrorocco
Wendy Methvin
Harriet Politzer
James Schroeder
Kimberly Todd

Elected Teacher Representatives

Katelyn Bruner
Mary D'Errico
Brian Dixon
Kimberly Gartner
Joachim LaValley
Sean Rochester
Suzanne Torgerson
Jenna Tuttle

Parent Appointed Representatives

Jennifer Beck
Erika McGoldrick
Dr. Ravi Srivastava
Keith Waltson

Community Appointed Representatives

Harriette Greenberg
Trish Heichel
John McDonough
Marion Payne
Ex Officio Members
Alvilda Graham
Shannon Harriman
Kathy Hussong
Neodria Brown
Joseph Warfield

Student Council Representatives (2)

HILTON HEAD ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual Report to the Parents



Accreditation

Hilton Head Island Middle School is fully accredited by the State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In the annual report to the SC State Department of Education, no deficiencies were cited.

Our Mission

The mission of Hilton Head Island Middle School is to provide challenging curricula with high expectations for learning that develop productive citizens who can solve problems and contribute to a global society.

Our Administration Team

Principal

Neodria Brown

Assistant Principals

6th Grade
Shannon Harriman

7th Grade
Alvilda Graham

8th Grade
Joseph Warfield



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Student Improvement Council Annual Report

The School Improvement Council (SIC), is charged with preparing a Report to the Parents to keep parents apprised of the progress being made towards meeting stated goals and objectives as outlined in the School Improvement Plan. In addition, the Report to the Parents serves to make parents aware of the many programs, activities, awards and recognitions for students and teachers.

SIC Strategic Goals

Goal #1 Engagement

Our School Improvement Council is comprised of a diverse group of teachers, parents, administrators, and community members, who work together to address the needs of all of our students. We rely on a great mix of personalities, talents and experiences to make a strong SIC team. Our aim is to engage all stakeholders in the common goal of helping all of our children succeed.

Whether you wish to serve as a Board Member or attend the SIC meetings to stay updated with the latest information, meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., in the Media Center. These meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Goal #2 Student Achievement

The HHIMS AdvancED Accreditation School Improvement Plan is a document that outlines specific goals and interventions to help both the school and students improve. It is submitted to our District every five years and reviewed annually to ensure that progress is being made. The role of the SIC is to review and evaluate the AdvancED Accreditation Plan and to ensure that the planned actions are in alignment with the outlined goals.

Throughout the year, we help the school develop strategies to strengthen the program and to recommend changes where necessary. The primary goal is to help students and schools achieve success.

Many factors play a role in this success including increased instructional time, properly matched schedules, classroom assignments and increased academic offerings for our students. Our school administrators recognize these factors and have made changes to support them in our schedule, including a strict adherence to our 7:20 a.m. start time.

This change alone has enabled students to benefit from an average of 2.5 hours of additional classroom time each week, resulting in nearly 15 additional hours of instructional time since January!

Goal #3 Communication

In an effort to provide the most accurate, up to date and pertinent information to parents and community members, Hilton Head Island Middle School uses many different strategies to meet the needs of our school population. Weekly e-mail updates from our Principal, PTA announcements, phone blasts, updates on the school and SIC website, and the re-introduction of our Stingray Splash newsletter are some of the ways we are working to keep you informed.

In addition, your SIC members act as a liaison between parents, our school and our district, to answer questions and communicate issues of concern. Each grade level elects two parent representatives and has two additional ad hoc members for this purpose. Speak with them regularly so that you have the information you need to help your child succeed.

The success of our children relies on the shared responsibility between parents, teachers and an administration who believe that all children can succeed. Together, we will continue to work to enhance the learning environment and opportunities for all HHIMS students. I hope you will join us to help build a stronger foundation for their future.

School Programs, Activities, Awards and Recognitions

School Programs

IB Middle Years Program
 PTA and Parent Volunteer Program
 Naviance
 Positive Behavior Support System
 Making Middle Grades Work
 Advisor/Advisee Program
 Black History Month Program
 Duke TIP Scholars

School Clubs

Area In Motion (AIM)
 Model United Nations
 Nat'l Junior Honor Society
 SC Junior Scholars
 Student Council
 Rocket Club
 Honors Orchestra
 WHHM Morning Show
 Art Club What Is It?
 Drama Club
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 Gentleman's Club

School Activities

Quarterly Honor Roll Breakfast and Lunch (hosted by our PTA)
 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and Lunch (hosted by our PTA)
 Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
 Stellar Stingray Breakfast
 Kayak for Kids Trip
 International Dinner and Concert Fundraiser
 Fine Arts Night
 Read Across America
 ESOL Parent Night
 Purple Up Day



Hilton Head Island Middle School is a Middle Years IB World School

Awards and Recognitions

Regional Science Fair – HHIMS brought home three 1st place awards, one 2nd place award and one 3rd place award.

SC Junior Scholars – There are 43 Junior Scholars at HHIMS

All-County Band - 5 HHIMS students were selected for the 2014 All-County Band.

HHIMS Honors Orchestra - Competed in the USA Music Festival and HHIMS came in 2nd place with an Excellent Rating.

Duke TIP Scholars –3 HHIMS students qualified and were invited to participate in the Duke TIP program this year. 34 students took either the ACT or SAT. Out of those 34, 3 students qualified for state recognition.

Model UN – There were 11 HHIMS participants and we received an Honorable Mention from the country of Honduras.

Foundation for Educational Excellence Grant Awardees – Ms. Irma Rameizl and Ms. Nancy Forbes

National Board Certified Teacher – Ms. Samantha Szwak

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

Mean RIT Scores for Hilton Head Island Middle School*
 HHIMS/Beaufort County School District/Norm Group

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Reading			
Fall 2014	212.7	214.2	217.1
Winter 2014	212.5	212.7	218.1
Spring 2014	215	216.7	218.4
Math			
Fall 2014	221.2	225.3	230.1
Winter 2015	224.6	227.5	231.8
Spring 2015	227.8	231.5	234.3

***Mean RIT Score** – The mean RIT score for a grade level is the average of all the RIT scores of the students in that grade at IES. A RIT is a unit of measurement of a student's academic growth on a continuum of skills in reading and math (just as an inch is a unit of measurement of a child's physical growth on a yardstick).