

# Hilton Head Island Middle School



## School Improvement Council Report to the Parents

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

We envision the Hilton Head Island Middle School community working together to build a culture that supports diversity in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment.

## **CORE BELIEFS**

The vision and mission of Hilton Head Island Middle School makes it imperative to implement the following objectives:

1. To provide a safe environment.
2. To provide academic excellence by incorporating researched-based effective practices and rigorous programs.
3. Through high expectations, develop in each student the ability to think, be responsible, respectful, and honest in order to positively impact academic achievement.
4. To encourage stewardship of the environment.
5. To stimulate each student's creativity and problem-solving ability.
6. To encourage students to respect the attitudes, values, and culture of others as well as their own.

7. To provide students with experiences that promotes meaningful relationships, and the development of social problem-solving skills.
8. To develop a positive self-image and self-efficacy in students by providing them with individual acceptance, encouragement, and recognition when appropriate.

## SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN GOALS

**GOAL 1: Student Achievement--** By 2024-2025, we will reduce the percentage of African American students, LEP students, and students with disabilities scoring “not met” on SC Ready and SC Pass by 5% in ELA and in MATH.

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27
<b>ELA</b>	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
Af/Am	33.10%	31.45%	29.87%	28.38%	26.96%	25.61%
LEP	38.80%	36.86%	35.02%	33.27%	31.60%	30.02%
SWD	71.40%	67.83%	64.44%	61.22%	58.16%	55.25%
<b>MATH</b>	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
Af/Am	53.10%	50.45%	47.92%	45.53%	43.25%	41.09%
LEP	44.10%	41.90%	39.80%	37.81%	35.92%	34.12%
SWD	79.80%	75.81%	72.02%	68.42%	65.00%	61.75%

**GOAL 2: School Climate** – By 2024-2025 we will continue growth of culture and climate by improving and maintaining overall engagement score on the upbeat survey by with at least 5% improvement in the 3 lowest areas.

**GOAL 3: Teacher/Administrator Quality** – By 2024-2025, 90% of educators across all levels will have their R2S credential and SIOP certificate.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **GOAL 1: Continuing to operate, stock and bring awareness to the HHIMS SIC's Main Initiative -The Stingray Support Circle.**

**Achievements:** Through the end of February 2023, the Circle logged over 300 student visits for clothes, school supplies, food items and toiletries. The SCC held a holiday gift bag distribution where 100 gift bags were distributed to identified students. We continued to work closely with Backpack Buddies to distribute food bags to students in need throughout the school year. Free Stingray hoodies were also supplied to students in need. We increased awareness of the Circle in the community and received both monetary and kind donations to the Circle as a result of increased awareness.

### **GOAL 2: How to Videos for Parent Portal, PowerSchool.**

**Achievements:** Parent video tutorials for Google Classroom, PowerSchool and Talking Points were shared with parents via Stingray Scoop newsletter, school website and pinned on Facebook personal page.

### **GOAL 3: Mentor/Tutoring, Homework Club**

**Achievements:** Homework club meets weekly to assist students with homework and missing assignments. SIC compiled a community partners spreadsheet for students. SIC community representatives serve as mentors for students.

### **GOAL 4: Increase community and local business support of HHIMS**

**Achievements:** added donation page to PTA Cheddar Up Site, local churches and businesses have donated time, talent and resources to Stingray Support Circle.

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS (PBIS)**

PBIS is an approach for assisting school personnel in adopting and organizing evidence-based behavioral interventions. The approach enhances academic and social behavior for all students. PBIS is not a packaged curriculum or scripted intervention. PBIS is a prevention-oriented way for school personnel to (a) organize evidence-based practices, (b) improve their implementation of those practices, and (c) maximize academic and social behavior outcomes for all students. At HHIMS, effective classroom management and preventive school-wide discipline are essential for supporting teaching and learning. PBIS emphasizes that effective classroom management and school-wide discipline must be integrated and working together with effective academic instruction in a positive and safe school climate to maximize success for all students.

## **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM**

Hilton Head Island Middle School is an IB World School and implements the Middle Years Program instructional framework.

The MYP includes 8 subjects: Language & Literature, Language Acquisition (foreign language), Math, Science, Individuals & Societies (Social Studies), Design (computer tech), Art & Music, and Health & PE.

In each of these subjects, inquiry-based instructional units are developed. The IB framework emphasizes conceptual learning and seeks to help students make connections between local issues and global concerns. In addition, interdisciplinary

connections are made to make learning relevant and meaningful to students.

Authentic assessment takes place, in addition to traditional assessment, and students are expected to demonstrate learning and understanding in ways that go beyond multiple-choice tests. Projects, presentations, and collaborative activities are part of each instructional unit.

Community Service is a component of IB students, and each grade level develops service projects that align with lines of inquiry and state standards. All students can participate in these activities.

Character education is also a major component and the IB focuses on 8 traits – called the Learner Profile, with the aim of developing learners who are knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective. IB learners are expected to be scholars who take action to make the world a better place!





## Building Enrollment and Capacity

Capacity	2022-2023 Enrollment	% Capacity Usage
1006	873	86.8%

## 2022-2023 Demographics

% White	% Hispanic or Latino	% African American	% Asian/Pacific Islander/Am.Indian	% of 2 or more races	% Subsidized Meals
36.7%	44.7%	14.2%	1.1%	3.1%	62.3%



Hilton Head Island Middle School students participate in both norm-referenced (MAP) and criterion-referenced (SC Ready and SC PASS) testing. Parents have access to our school report card from the South Carolina Department of Education which references our standardized test results. Parents receive their student’s individual test profile which provides a detailed analysis of student Map score data.

MAP-Mean Score	2022 Fall	2023 Spring	Fall – Spring Change
<b>Math</b>	<b>Mean Score Data</b>	<b>Mean Score Data</b>	<b>Fall – Spring Change</b>
6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	213.8	217.9	6.1
7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	219.2	222.9	3.7
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	222.7	225.6	2.9
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Mean Score Data</b>	<b>Mean Score Data</b>	<b>Fall – Spring Change</b>
6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	209.1	213.5	4.4
7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	212.1	214.8	2.8
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	215.6	215.9	0.3





## Student Performance Data

- HHIMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade students scored above the district average on the SC Ready Reading assessment in the Approaches/Meets/Exceeds category.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students scored above the district averages on the SC Ready Math assessment in the Approaches/Meets/Exceeds category.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders exceeded the district average by 2.6 percentage points on the SC PASS Social Studies assessment.

SC Ready – Reading		
Approaches/Meets/Exceeds		
2022-2023	District	HHIMS
Grade 6	78.6%	77.3%
Grade 7	73.4%	73.6%
Grade 8	74.5%	75.4%

SC Ready – Math		
Approaches/Meets/Exceeds		
2022-2023	District	HHIMS
Grade 6	70.5%	73.6%
Grade 7	64.4%	66.8%
Grade 8	60.8%	61.4%

SC PASS		
Approaches/Meets/Exceeds		
2021-2022	District	HHIMS
Science	69.8%	66.9%



## SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES 2022-2023

6th Grade Science Trip	High School Credit Courses	Rotary Club Mentor Group
6th, 7th and 8th grade Awards Ceremonies	Honor Roll Celebrations sponsored by PTA	Safety/Security Trainings
7th Grade Kayak Trip	Imagine Learning	Second Helping Canned Food Drive
8th Grade Cookout	Impact Mentor Group	Seussical Jr.
8Th Grade Dance	iReady	SIC
8th grade End of Year Celebrations	IXL Math	SIC Christmas Shop
Advanced Studies Program	Junior Interact Club	South Carolina Junior Scholar Banquet
Advisory time	Monthly Rays Rally	Special Olympics Tennis
African American History Month	National Junior Honor Society	Special Olympics Track & Field
After School Tutoring Program	New Mascot: Ray Ray	Spirit Week

Arts Center of Coastal Carolina Art Display	Night of the Arts	Sports Championships
Athletic Teams	NJHS/Student Council Washington DC Trip	Stellar Stingray Monthly Recognition
Beach Cleanup	Open House	Student Council
Before School Care	Organizational Support Groups	Student Health Screening
College Colors Day	PBIS Incentive Days	Summer ML Enrichment Program
Color Run	Principal's Leadership Meetings	Summer Reading Program
Community Partners	PTA	Summer School
Device 1 to 1 Student Initiative	Reading Plus	Teacher Appreciation Celebration
ML Parent Breakfast	Red Ribbon Week	Thanksgiving luncheon and food drive
Exceeding Expectations Mentoring Group	Regional Science Fair	Winter Formal Dance
HHIMS Science Fair	Rising 6th Grade Transition Orientation	Yearbook
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## STINGRAY HIGHLIGHTS

2022-2023

- HHIMS students meeting criteria submitted applications for the Hilton Head Island School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. 38 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade candidates were inducted into the HHIMS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

- Nature Exploration Field Trip in Sea Pines

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Kayak Field Trip

- NJHS Washington DC Field Trip

- HHIMS bands, chorus, strings, theater all performed at Rays Rally.

- HHIMS Stingray Stage Company Performed Seussical Jr.

- HHIMS Art Display at The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

- Thirty-one students qualified for GT/GT Arts

- Twenty students participated in the HHIMS Science Fair. Of those students, 7 went on to compete in the Sea Island Regional Science with one earning an invite to the International Science Fair in Houston Texas.

- The HHIMS NJHS & Student Council sponsored service projects raising funds for those in need

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple Staff members awarded grants including Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas and Foundation for Educational Excellence</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Football Team won the county Championship</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys Track won the Beaufort County Championship.</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys Basketball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Baseball placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the county</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 299 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Individual Graduation Plans created by the guidance department</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seven 8<sup>th</sup> grade students qualified for SC Junior Scholars</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HHIMS Teacher named District Teacher of the Year</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three HHIMS Educators named District Mentor of the Month</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referendum funded additional classrooms opening this summer</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referendum funded building refresh underway</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two students accepted into The Governor's School</li></ul>

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL



The Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Minutes are published and posted on the school website under the SIC link. The 2022-2023 members are as follows:

Chairperson	Amanda Phillips	Ex Officio Member	Heather Stout
PTA Chair/Parent AL Elected	Meredith DiMuzio	Parent	Jennie Cerrati
Principal	Clinton Austin	Parent	Ann Jacoby
Asst. Principal	Angela Bellantone	Parent	Marasol Jenkins
Asst. Principal	Maelda Chalk	Parent	Beth McCune
Asst. Principal	Anthony DiTroia	Parent	Christy Mroczek
Past Chair/Community Representative	Keri Olivetti	Community Member	Barbara Barthelman
Past SIC Chair	Amy Nardi	Community Member	Jane Carnahan
PTO Representative	Jessica Howard	Community Member	Jeanette Davis
Teacher	Amy Prior	Community Member	Brenda Pollard
Teacher	LaVerne Stewart	Community Member	Richard Storm
Teacher	DeAnna Campbell	Community Member	Jim Williams
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Generally, our SIC needs to annually elect two parents to serve a two-year term.

