

## Mission

The mission of Ralph Chandler Middle School is to provide an environment that is conducive to learning and focuses on academic excellence.

The purpose of this report is to provide information to our parents and to the community about Ralph Chandler Middle School.

### Members of the RCMS School

#### Improvement Council 2011—2012

Rita Mantooth—Principal

Kara Holley—Chairperson

Jana Bass-Cecil, Rhonda Dean, Amy Fitzgerald, Sarah Gullick, Cole Holman, Eddie Howard Lynn Magnan, Rita Mantooth, Gerald Walker, and Glenn Wile

## Report Card Ratings

2010—2011

Overall Rating: Good

Improvement Rating: Excellent

Ralph Chandler did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by federal legislation because there were two sub groups of our students who failed to meet the required proficiency standard on the PASS test last spring.

Renewed emphasis will be placed on helping these students to improve their scores. For example, our schedule has been modified this year to provide both an advisory period and additional time for independent reading practice for all of our students. Research indicates that greater time with self-selected reading materials promotes student achievement in ELA.



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### *Report to Parents*

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## Reasons to Celebrate

- RCMS improved on the State Report Card from Good to Excellent in its Growth rating.
- RCMS received a Gold award from the SC Department of Education for its students' performance on PASS.
- 18 8th graders qualified as Junior Scholars.
- 72 7th graders qualified for the Duke Talent Identification Program.
- Approximately 25% of our students are taking advanced ELA and 26% are taking advanced Math.
- RCMS is designated as a green school and has its own water treatment facility.
- Our SIC developed a survey to seek community input in ways that RCMS might better meet the needs of families.

## Achievement Goals

1. To improve the percentage of our students scoring Met or Exemplary on PASS ELA by at least 5%
2. To increase the percentage of our students scoring Met or Exemplary on PASS Math by at least 5%

### PASS Results RCMS 2011.

Subject	Meets or Exceeds
ELA	74.7%
Math	76.7%

3. To improve school climate by increasing opportunities for students to earn positive recognition for appropriate behavior and academic growth

## Strategies to Meet Our Goals

- Panthers of the Month awards for students who display **PRIDE**— Persistent, Responsible, Innovative, Dedicated, and Enthusiastic.

- Using MAP and PASS data to identify student achievement strengths and weaknesses
- Inclusion program for special education students
- Benchmark testing in content areas and data analysis to determine standards for review and re-teaching
- Professional development on Learning Focused Strategies as well as developing a Professional Learning Community continued to be our focus for the year. The faculty also received training based on the book: Motivating Students 25 Strategies to Light the Fire of Engagement.
- Emphasis on use of technology in providing engaging lessons for students
- Students will set achievement goals, record them in their agendas, and monitor their improvement on standardized tests.