

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 2012—2013

Rita Mantooth—Principal

Lynn Magnan—Chairperson

Amy Fitzgerald, Shannon Goff, Sarah Gullick, Cole Holman, Eddie Howard, April Hughes, Lynn Magnan, Rita Mantooth, Cheryl Scott and Glenn Wile

Report Card Ratings

2011—2012

Overall Rating: Excellent

Improvement Rating: Excellent

A new Federal Accountability Rating System was instituted for all South Carolina Schools this past year. Ralph Chandler achieved a rating of 97.6 and an Overall Grade Conversion of A under this new rubric. This rating indicates that our “Performance substantially exceeds the state’s expectations.”

Ralph Chandler continues to implement programs to help lower performing students. For example, a computer-based lab practice was offered to all students who did not meet PASS expectations last year. Additionally, three mentoring programs have been instituted which serve students who have academic and behavioral issues.

Ralph Chandler Middle

Responsible, Challenged and Motivated to Succeed.



Report to Parents

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Reasons to Celebrate

- RCMS improved on the State Report Card from Good to Excellent in its Absolute rating and maintained a Growth rating of Excellent.
- RCMS received a Gold award from the SC Department of Education for its students' performance on PASS.
- 23 8th graders qualified as Junior Scholars.
- 47 7th graders qualified for the Duke Talent Identification Program.
- Approximately 27% of our students are taking advanced ELA and 25% are taking advanced Math.
- Jackie Kelly received a \$10,000 grant from 3M Corporation for use with our GTT and Science programs.
- Using the results of a survey created by our SIC in 2012, parent workshops have been scheduled for the fall of 2013–2014.

Achievement Goals

1. To increase by 3% the number of our students who meet or exceed the standard on PASS ELA
2. To increase by 3% the number of our students who meet or exceed the standard on PASS Math
3. **PASS Results RCMS 2012**

Subject	Meets or Exceeds
ELA	80.2%
Math	80.9%

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 to expose them to state standards
- Benchmark testing in content areas and data analysis to determine standards for review and re-teaching
- Morning Enrichment program implemented for students who did not meet standards on PASS ELA or Math
- ActivSlates purchased for the math and science departments
- Students rewarded with free time twice each quarter for maintaining good grades
- Staff development during the year emphasized transition to the Common Core Standards which will be implemented in 2014
- Our PTSA dispersed approximately \$8400 in teacher grants this year.