

2013 – 2014 Annual Report to Parents

April 21, 2014

Dear Parents,

Anderson Townsend
Principal

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Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Louis J. Martin, Jr.
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Military Magnet Academy

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The Military Magnet Academy is a caring school where all cadets are challenged to learn every day. The Military Magnet Academy prepares students to become competent, disciplined, and responsible citizens by providing the necessary learning environment. The Military Magnet Academy is committed to student academics, extracurricular activities, and parent and community involvement. The academic program develops the whole person by providing a foundation for success in today's world of high technology.

The Military Magnet Academy's high school received an absolute rating of "Good" and an Improvement Rating of "Excellent" on the 2012 – 2013 South Carolina School Report Card. The middle school received an Absolute Rating of "Average" an Improvement Rating of "Average". The Military Magnet Academy was awarded the SACS accreditation in February 2011, and received the Palmetto Gold Award for student achievement and received the Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap. The Military Magnet Academy has implemented the Coherent Curriculum, MAP, and Benchmark Testing to improve instruction and further improve student achievement. The Military Magnet Academy makes use of technology in providing academic assistance through the implementation of after school programs, advisory programs, Study Island, Academy of Reading/Math, Gear Up, SAT Prep, College and Careers for juniors and seniors, tutorial/remedial programs and summer enrichment programs. Gender-specific classes, reduced student-teacher ratio math classes, and two sixty-minute period ELA/reading classes were implemented in 2012-2013. The administration is ensuring that all teachers, current and future, are highly qualified. In addition, the staff also includes a professional development coordinator, and a lead teacher.

The Military Magnet Academy has the following parental programs currently in place: PTA/PASS Open House Night, ELA/Basic Skills Training in the Digital Curriculum Lab, quarterly newsletters, website, student agendas, telephone call-out system, Parent Utilization Toolkit, eChalk, monthly parent seminars, and parent conferences. MMA has a military program focusing on character education, leadership, and self-discipline to assist students with academic excellence.

An awards ceremony is conducted quarterly to recognize students and teachers for their academic achievement.

Our Mission

is to prepare cadets to become disciplined, responsible, and informed citizens through a military environment. To the usual reading, writing, and math, we add the discipline of a military environment that teaches our students the importance of civic duty.

Our Goals

- Move more children to proficient and advanced levels on standardized tests
- Close the achievement gap between groups
- Increase high school graduation rates

Our Vision: Leaders of the Twenty –First Century

Our beliefs.....

- All students deserve the chance to achieve Academic Excellence
- All students deserve a foundation that leads to success.
- All students deserve a safe and positive learning environment.
- All students deserve challenging academic and leadership opportunities
- All students deserve the support of parents, peers, educators, and the community.

Improving student achievement is a shared responsibility among the school, parents and students. Your participation is important to the success of your child and our school.

As always thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Military Magnet Academy.

Sincerely,

Anderson W. Townsend

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Principal

Etheline Mizell

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SIC Chairperson

Administrative Team

Anderson Townsend, Principal
Patricia Harrison, Lead Teacher
Viette Aiken, Guidance Director
Winona Swatzyna, Media Specialist
Carolyn Andrews, Professional Development Coordinator

2013 – 2014 SIC Members

Elected SIC Members

Etheline Mizell, SIC Chairperson
Karen Cobb, Secretary
Elaine Mitchell, SIC Co-Chairperson
DeAudre Frasier, Parent
Vivian Hampton, Parent
Roberta L. Smith, Assistant Principal
Isaiah Whaley, Commandant
Patricia Harrison, Lead Teacher
Viette Aiken, Guidance Director
Winona Swatzyna, Media Specialist
Carolyn Andrews, Professional Development Coordinator

Teachers Elected

Amber Pedigo
Lauretta Geddis
Jarrett Vella
Amy Brunson
Julius Guerard

Students Elected

Eianie E. Crowell
Christian Moorner
Daisha Drayton

Community Members

Oliver Addison
Elizabeth Addison
David Pelletier
Teddie Pryor

Ex-Officio

Anderson Townsend, Principal