"Leaders of Excellence"

Military Magnet Academy



2023 Annual Community Report

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A Vision of Excellence; A glimpse into the Military Magnet Academy...



The Charleston County School District's 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.

We are a school where daily we are striving to ensure our cadet scholars, staff, and community stakeholders believe our student learners deserve;

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

It is our responsibility to nurture our cadet scholar's dreams so that they become reality. We must be daily motivators and encourager of success and achievement. Coupled with hard work, our school will indeed reach all of our goals.



Who Are We?

"Leaders of the 21st Century"



Military Magnet Academy is one of fifteen schools in the Charleston County School District's secondary-post secondary learning community. Located in the Chicora community of North Charleston, the academy serves 430 cadet scholars in grades 6 -12 from across Charleston County. The school is the only Title 1 funded full magnet organization in the cohort of CCSD.



Military Magnet Academy provides academic courses at all levels including; dual credit in collaboration with The Trident Technical College; Advanced Placement (AP) classes, as well as Career and Technology Education programs access through the CCSD Cooper River Center for Advanced Studies.





What we have to offer... A True Military Experience



During the summer, we intent on providing cadets with training in conjunction with professional military staff at the Marine Camp in Parris Island, Junior Leadership Course at Ft. Jackson, onsite leadership training and annual summer camp for all returning and new students. The list below is the professional military staff members that lead the cadets at the Military Magnet Academy;

Commandant of Cadets

Middle Grades

Six Tactical Officers

USN, USA, USMC, USAF

High School Senior Army Instructor (SAI) Two Certified JROTC Instructors







Professional Educators and Support Staff...

MMA Administration

Principal

Assistant Principal

Director of School Counseling

Lead Curriculum Instructor

Master Literacy Coach

12 Certified Core Instructors

Middle Grades

High School

13 Certified Core Instructors

Three CTE Instructors

Band/ Art Instructor

ESOL Instructor

Physical Education/ Health Instructor

FOCUS Program Personnel

School Counseling Services

2 HS Counselor /Middle Grades Counselor

Mental Health Counselor

MMA School Psychologist

School Nurse

MMA SRO

Professional Food Service Staff





Academics at the

Military Magnet Academy...







Military Magnet Academy, accredited by the former Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will now continue as an accredited organization under the umbrella of CCSD's partnership with AdvancED. When our students move to other systems and on to higher education, their credits will be deemed SC DOE certified and earn a "seal of approval" as an indicator of the quality of the instructional experiences provided to students in the system. AdvancED accreditation opens doors to being competitive for national grants since many of them require external accreditation status for eligibility. It is our goal to provide a rigorous academic program that is comparable to not only the district and state schools, but also educational institutions that perform at the highest levels both nationally and internationally. Please visit our website:

<u>https://www.ccsdschools.com/militarymagnet</u> for additional information regarding academics, staff, athletics, and other programs the Military Magnet Academy has to offer our families and cadet scholars.





Military Magnet

Highlights and Achievements...

MMA 2022–2023 Acknowledgements

English Department

Middle School

 Instructors completed Year 1 of implementing the full EL curriculum. Additionally, continued progress monitoring through NoRedInk and

High School

- Continued our school-wide Focused on Social-Emotional health.
- Decreased the number of RHSL courses while increasing the on grade level English course offerings.

History- Social Studies Department

Middle School

- All classes implemented computer assisted instruction technology
- Continued the use of the district wide CANVAS platform and related apps.

High School

Mathematics Department

Middle and High School

- Implemented computer assisted instruction in grades 6th – 12th using IXL, ALEKS, and Khan Academy for credit recovery, content recovery, and MAP assessment preparation.
- Welcomed two new instructors to our MS Staff.
- Instructors continued working to create and implement a vertically aligned curriculum (Illustrative Math) to span from 6th grade to 12th grade.

Special Education

- Participated in multiple CCSD-DECS training and professional development in-services.
- Hired additional instructor in MMA DEC department.
- Work collaboratively with the CCSD School psychologist and core teachers to decrease service time

 Increased the attendance of Cadet Scholars in the Dual Enrollment TTC, AP Human Geography, AP World History and U.S. History EOC prep and tutorial cohorts. 	and increase inclusion supports for EC scholars.
 Improved benchmark data in USH. Offered Law Education, African American Studies, and Current Events as History courses. 	

MMA 2022–2023 Acknowledgements

School Counseling

- Restructured the MTSS cabinet (Includes, school discipline, PBIS, and awards and recognition).
- Provided workshops on College Board assessments, scholarship application completion, NCAA athletic clearinghouse, as well as post-secondary employment opportunities for high school cadet scholars.
- Provided successful Military, Career, and College Fair.

Physical Education

- Established health and awareness initiative, complementary of the required health education and curriculum completed by high school cadet scholars.
- Collaborated with the Tactical officer staff to provide a comprehensive physical education experience for middle grade cadet scholars (Including Sexual education instruction – Heritage Keepers)

Visual Art

• Promoted and submitted student

Science Department

Middle School

- Increased the enrollment of 7th and 8th grade honors cadet scholars in the high school ENG I or II, and ALG I or a Geometry course for credit.
- Instructors collaborated with English instructors to implement a "focus on literacy through science" by reading science-related text for book reports.

High School

- Implemented 1:1 digital learning capabilities in Biology, Marine Science, Environmental Science, Physics, and Chemistry.
- Cadets participated in the Center for Ecological living and learning's activity series on Ecology.

Band

- Participated in the 2022 Charleston and North Charleston Christmas Parades.
- Hiring new MMA Band Director and increased the number of new and

artwork to local artist for display.	returning cadet participation
Completed workshops at the Gibbes Arts Museum, the American College of the Arts, and the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art	





Career Exploration

At the Military Magnet Academy...



Culinary Arts

- MMA Culinary Arts department completers increased by more the 25%
- Completed detailed study and implementation of local Cuisine
- MMA Cadets have established local partnerships for on-site training in Tourism, Hotel/Motel Management

Business

- MMA cadets participated in the Trident Technical College and Career Fair.
- Re-establish the Webpage design and Entrepreneurship courses.
- Established the school-based work store.

Information Technology

- Revised the protocols for the "MMA Eagle Helpdesk" – WBL (Working on PC Pro Certification)
- Continued partnerships and internships the College of Charleston and the Charleston Technology community.
- TechnoEagles established at MMA.
- Doubled the number of IT Completers
- Finished in the top 10 in SCHSL State Championships.



 MMA Cadets participated in a series of focused learning experiences including annual MMA College and Career Fair.





The athletic department at the Military Magnet is dedicated to providing all student athletes with the opportunity to compete with confidence and the expectation of success with any school sanctioned under the South Carolina High School League. The number of participants continues to increase yearly, and anticipate great growth and development of our sports teams and related programs. This year's highlights includes, SCHSL Girls State Basketball Player of the Year, Region VIII Volleyball player of the year, four state qualifying wrestler cadets, Class A Region IV championships both Cross Country and Varsity Girls Basketball. 2023 SCHSL CLASS A GIRLS STATE Basketball CHAMPIONSHIP.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDITIONAL

CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE COMING YEARS!

Fall/ Winter Sports

Cross Country Football Volleyball Girls/ Boys Basketball Wrestling Cheerleading Marching Band





Spring Sports

Track and Field Baseball Softball Soccer Golf State Championship Varsity Girls Basketball

Region Championships Girls Basketball

Region Runner-Up Varsity Volleyball

State Playoff Qualifiers

Girls Basketball MMA Volleyball MMA Wrestling Boy's Cross Country MMA Baseball MMA Soccer





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Organizational Data Summary

Student Achievement

Middle School (6 – 8)

The Military Magnet Academy is located in North Charleston, SC and has an enrollment of 446 students in grades 6-12 with 66% African American, 30% Hispanic, 3% Caucasian, and 1% other. Military Magnet Academy is a Title I school with 85.2% poverty determined by the Community Eligibility Provision. Overall, Military Magnet trails the District on SC Ready ELA (16% meets/exceeds), SC Ready Math (13% meets/exceeds), and SCPASS Science (11% meets/exceeds in 6th grade). An achievement gap exists between African American students and all students on SC Ready ELA (16% meets/exceeds; 10 percentage points lower than all) and SC Ready Math (7% meets/exceeds; 15 percentage points lower than all). Furthermore, students with disabilities are significantly underperforming all students on SCPASS Science. The utilization of formative data within and across grade levels and learners to improve achievement is a key focus area. The state testing in ELA, Math, and 6th grade Science will be administered in spring 2023. When comparing CCSD data and our school, the district performance is higher in all three areas. However, an analysis of individual student growth reflects a more positive report. For Reading, students in grades 6-8 showed overall growth of 7 - 11%. In math, students in grades 6-8 showed a slight decline in overall growth. A strong number of students are growing ELA and Math skills, but these students need additional focus to build and increase these skills. Grade 8 continues to be a critical grade for proficiency in order to boost the English and Math success of 9th grade. We have a large group of students in Middle School who compose our Approaches group in both content areas. (24% in ELA and 41% in Math) By employing specific strategies to impact the Approaches group, we will be able to increase our Meets/Exceeds performance. We will continue to refine strategies to support growth in both Math and Reading, and data-driven decisions will be made to support students through extended day and extended year/summer programming.

High School (9 – 12)

The Military Magnet Academy has grades 6-12. The ACT, SAT, and WIN tests are the indicators of both college and career readiness. For college readiness, we are now analyzing the percent of 3rd-year high school students who score 1020 or higher on the SAT; 20 or greater on the ACT composite score; pass AP classes with a 3 or higher; or earn a minimum of 6 credit hours with a C or higher in Dual Enrollment courses. The Military Magnet Academy needs to increase the percentage of students meeting the SAT/ACT benchmarks. However, we have performed well with 3rd and 4th year cadet scholars enrolled in Dual Enrollment courses having successfully completed 6+ credits at a percentage rate of 13 and 15%.

We need to improve SAT/ACT performance and continue to promote and support our students enrolling in Dual Enrollment. In regards to College and Career Readiness, the 2022 data shows 50.1% of MMA scholars meet the expectation. We continue to focus on the preparation of Juniors to be successful on the Career tests in both WIN and ASVAB. We also need to increase the number of students who participate in internships and national certification. The graduation rate continues to be strong with 2021-2022 at 96%. Military Magnet Academy outperformed the district with 85% and outperformed all other Title I schools. Addressing long term improvement in College and Career readiness, we will focus on proactive supports to students beginning in the 9th grade

Teacher/ Administrator Quality

The Military Magnet's teaching staff brings a variety of cultural experiences and teaching expertise with 7% of teachers having 1-2 years of experience; 34% have 3-10 years of experience; 23% have 11-20 years of experience; and 36% of our teachers have over 20 years of experience. The rate of Teachers returning to MMA is consistently exceeds 85% annually. The stability of our faculty is a positive factor as we continue to increase student performance and recoup skills from the virtual environment we have experienced. Our school is working to provide an increase in professional development opportunities as we continue our focus on the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. Faculty participation in relevant professional development will be an ongoing emphasis to enhance faculty satisfaction and increase the SEL skills of our staff.

School Climate

In the area of School Climate, the weakest factor is the parents' perception of changes made based upon parental input and feedback. 75% of parents reported that they were satisfied with the learning environment at MMA. We need to increase positive parental involvement by creating strategies that help parents feel their voices are heard and to increase their sense of partnership in our students' success. Although any degree of chronic absenteeism is concerning, the Military Magnet rate is 17.1%. This is the lowest rate of any Title I school in CCSD. We will continue to address absenteeism and all school climate factors by implementing effective strategies to boost family participation.





Military Magnet Academy

School Improvement Council...

MMA SIC Council Members

Parents

Johnson, Ebony Wilkins-Pugh, Kristin

Duggins, Regina (Chairperson) Kaniya Wiggins – Student

Teachers/Administration

Ancrum, Sara Waddell, Nyasia Ferrette-Clark. Carla Davis, Sheila Holmes, Devon - Student

Appointed Members

Dawson, Joseph White, Karen Williams, Marie Gadsden, LaToya

Ex-Officio Members

Perrineau, Jr., Robert – Principal Singleton, Herbert – Assistant Principal Taylor, Nathaniel – Administrator Chairperson's Message...

The 2022 - 2023 academic year was challenging, as we continue to face the impact of a nation-wide professional teacher shortage. Educators, business partners and community leaders were as involved with School Improvement Council matters as they could be, however, we will focus on increasing the collaboration and participation of non-school campus stakeholders to gather information to support decision making and resource acquisitions to benefit our cadet scholars. External stakeholders did manage to support the cadet scholars and teachers during the school year by sponsoring events and programs that directly recognized or affected their ability to function.

The School Improvement Council and community leaders applaud the dedication and commitment of SIC members, educators and students in carrying out our mission. It has been the efforts of the SIC that made this past year a success. The future work done by our MMA stakeholders will strengthen relationships with our surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

On behalf of the entire School Improvement Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one for their loyal support in help to build our staff and student's relationship with our community leaders. We are looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Regina Duggins

Chairperson, School Improvement Council

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Military Magnet Academy Family

Adminis	Administration School Counseling and Guid Department		•	
Robert L. Perrineau, Jr.	Principal		•	
Keria Gibson Herbert Singleton	Assistant Principal Assistant Principal	Sheila Davis	Counseling and Guidance Director	
	Commandant of Cadets	Carl Turner		
Sara Ancrum	Literacy Coach	Anita Robinson	School Counseling School Counseling	
Patricia Harrison	Lead Teacher	Chad Weaver	School Psychologist	
	Administrative Assistant	Ravvyn Williams	Mental Health Counselor	
Barbara Heyward	SEL Support Coach	Krista Dickerson	School Social Worker	
English/ Foreign Language		Support Staff		
Rozyta Wylder	Berneta Gourdine	Mary Brown	Server	
Shanel Banton	Katy Lowman G/T	Nelson Hamilton	ABM	
Brendan McCann	Latrea Heyward	Naomi Blandin	ABM	
Nicola Maxwell-Johnson Kirk Zaro		Cheryl Kennedy	Bookkeeper	
Julien Francis-Baker	Shanoy Braham	Zelda Thompson Larne Greene	Server	
			Resource Officer	
Mathematics		Wanda Lenhardt	Server	
		Lulamae Pinckney	Café Manager	
Gillette Bennett Sharon Chua	Charlene Rivers Garfield Campbell	Alex Simmons	ISS/FOCUS Facilitator Server	
Curtis Foster	Simona Spinner	Cynthia Venning Rosemary Yeadon	Data Clerk	
	wneen Zabinske-Smith	Barbara Avendano	School Nurse	
		Darbara / Wondario		
Science		Special Education/ ESOL		
Nyaisia Waddell	Lajuanda Brown	Marla Mitchell	Sadiya Mohammed	
Shanice Smith	Lauretta Geddis	Regina Duggins	Brad Olsen	

Verna Faucette	Mordon Small	Makenzie Parker – ESOL	
History/ Social Studies		Tactical Officers	
Karen Holloran Meredith Petty	Linda Jenkins Jim Pagel	Simone Doxie Brenda Garey	US Army US Navy
Tafani Benaine	Bernetta Gourdine	R. Ashley Hodges	US Army
Related Arts/ Career Technology		Mark Hilton Jerry White Vanessa Johnson	US Army USMC/ USAF USAF
Kay Krenelka	MS/HS Art		UUAI
Tameeya Johnson	Business	JROTC	
Carla Clark	IT Technology		
Kim Ortego	Culinary Arts	Keith Eisenberger	SAI – US Army
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