

State Test Results

2016 SC READY 6th Grade Dillon Middle School/ South Carolina Comparison

ELA	% Passed	Math	% Passed
State	41.0	State	39.5
District	26.7	District	19.6
Dillon Middle	21.8	Dillon Middle	17.7

2016 SC READY 7th Grade Dillon Middle School/ South Carolina Comparison

ELA	% Passed	Math	% Passed
State	40.7	State	34.7
District	24.7	District	17.4
Dillon Middle	22.6	Dillon Middle	17.3

2016 SC READY 8th Grade Dillon Middle School/ South Carolina Comparison

ELA	% Passed	Math	% Passed
State	44.7	State	32.4
District	31.6	District	29.5
Dillon Middle	31.7	Dillon Middle	29.7

View standardized testing results on the web at www.ed.sc.gov

School Programs

Media Center

The Dillon Middle School Media Center sponsors reading incentive programs: Lunch Bunch Book Club, SC Junior Book Award Program, READO, Reading Counts, and the Reader of the Year Award. The media specialist also collaborates with teachers to infuse informational literacy and technology skills into curricular projects and activities.

Chorus

Eighty (80) DMS students perform under the direction of Mr. Joshua Fleetwood. The chorus recently performed at Parent Night on December 1. DMS Chorus received a rating of Superior (Highest Rating) at the Carowinds Festival of Music. Four (4) chorus students auditioned for the GT high school chorus and all were accepted into the program. Chorus members will perform at the final DMS Parent Night in April.

Band

Ninety (90) DMS seventh and eighth grade students perform under the direction of Mr. Kevin McLellan. Thirty-eight (38) DMS students performed at the Title I Annual Parent Night in September. Twenty-one (21) seventh and eighth graders made Eastern District Band. Eleven (11) seventh and eighth graders made Region Honor Band and two (2) were called back for All State. We are very proud of our DMS students. The DMS band will perform at the February 16 Parent Night.

Parent Nights

To date, Dillon Middle School has hosted two Parent Night events this school year. At each of these events, information on the Title 1 Grant, Success For All, Expert 21 reading programs and our School Improvement Council has been presented. Student performances were featured. Breakout sessions and classroom visits were offered. Upcoming Parent Nights are scheduled for February 16 and April.

Student Incentives

Students are rewarded for appropriate behavior, perfect attendance, improvement on Scholastic Reading Inventory scores, and honor roll. Students are invited to participate in such things as sock hops, organized games, and free time outside. Certificates of honor are also presented to students.

Summary Report to the Parents from the School Improvement Council February 14, 2017



You Can't Hide That Wildcat P.R.I.D.E.!



Performance through preparation

Respect

Integrity

Determination

Excellence through Effort

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The School Improvement Council is responsible for presenting a report to the parents of the school about progress being made to achieve improvements according to the objectives for the five year plan. This report includes Dillon Middle School's achievements and academic plans.

Our Mission

The mission of Dillon Middle School is to involve students, parents, faculty and community in the promotion of lifelong learning, by providing a meaningful, innovative educational experience, while requiring a respectful and safe atmosphere, so that as productive members of society learners may achieve their maximum potential.

Dillon Middle School School Improvement Council and Title One Committee

Mr. Rodney Cook
Mrs. Lynn Liebenrod
Mrs. Kim Hyatt
Ms. Shirl Carter
Mr. Joshua Fleetwood
Mrs. Audrey Hart
Mrs. Jenise Bracey
Mrs. Kathi Campbell
Mrs. Marcia Bethea
Mrs. Jackie Camp
Mr. Alton McLellan
Ms. Jane Crawford
Ms. Tiffany Ray
Ms. Teneshia Campbell
Ms. Ashley Blakley

Principal
District Office
Chairperson/Title One
Teacher of the Year
Teacher
Guidance Counselor
Instructional Coach
Media Specialist
Civic/Community
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Community
Parent
Parent
Parent

Focused School Renewal Goals

Goal 1: By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the percentage of students passing the Reading state assessment will increase by 10%. This will result in an increase in the number of students passing to 31.8 % in sixth grade, 32.6% in seventh grade, and 41.7% in eighth grade.

Goal 2: By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the percentage of students passing the math state assessment will increase by 10%. This will result in an increase in the number of students passing to 27.7% in sixth grade, 27.3% in seventh grade, and 39.7% in eighth grade.

Administrators and teachers will:

- Align instruction to the new SC College-and-Career-Ready standards in ELA and Mathematics.
- Participate in and implement research-based staff development to improve teaching practices.
- Use books for reading that are matched to students' independent reading levels.
- Implement a rewards-based plan for improving academic achievement and behavior.
- Monitor instruction to ensure the coverage of science and social studies state standards prior to testing.
- Analyze test data from SC READY, SCPASS, SRI, and MAP testing to guide the instruction of students.
- Create opportunities for parents to become familiar with the school setting, become knowledgeable about school programs, and be active participants in their child's academic career.
- Focus on technology skills students will need as they prepare for online testing.

Dillon School District Four will provide equal employment opportunities and educational opportunities to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, disability or national origin. Dillon School District Four will make reasonable accommodations for an individual who is otherwise qualified for a position unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship upon the district. Persons with disabilities who need additional accommodations should make their requests for reasonable accommodations in writing to the Section 504 Coordinator. Inquiries and complaints may be made to the following: Title IX Coordinator and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, Dr. Polly Elkins; Section 504 Coordinator, Amanda Hayes; and General Concerns, Mr. Ray Rogers. All of the above are housed in the district office. Address: 1738 Highway 301 N., Dillon, South Carolina 29536. Phone 843-774-1200.

Priorities for 2016-2017

- ☐ Increase student achievement.
- ☐ Focus on literacy for all students.
- ☐ Utilize collaborative planning teams to explore research-based strategies, plan for instruction, and meet the needs of all learners.
- ☐ Increase opportunities for parents and community stakeholders to actively participate in plans to meet school goals.
- ☐ Maintain a school climate which is safe and conducive to learning.

Accomplishments, Activities & Highlights

Academic Challenge Team	Expert 21 Reading Program
Success For All Reading Program	Career Development Program
Math Enrichment	Leadership Team
Washington DC Trip	Junior Beta Club
School Improvement Council	Rosetta Stone
Individual Growth Plans	Student Data Wall
Student Incentives	DMS Band/Chorus

Report Card Ratings

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. This year's release is the second of two annual releases where schools and districts will not receive ratings although student performance data is reported.

Districts and schools will receive report card ratings under a new accountability system for the 2017-18 school year, which will be released in the fall of 2018.