



## Facilities

- Opened in August 2014
- Nine learning communities – three learning communities per floor
- Each learning community includes: two learning studios, a STEAM studio, a seminar room, a commons area, two small collaboration rooms, and a digital lab
- Each floor includes an additional lab and a prototype gallery
- A predominantly digital Media Center
- Exposed building areas for observational learning
- Fine Arts wing – band room, chorus room, ensemble room, piano lab, two practice rooms, and a Fine Arts commons area
- Gymnasium with a stage
- Indoor and outdoor amphitheaters
- Open courtyard
- Athletic Fields/Courts: Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball,

### A note from the SIC Chair:

Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School has had an exceptional fourth year! Our students (and parents) have faced many new challenges: an elementary to middle school change, an eight period schedule including related arts, a block schedule with 90 minute periods, a personalized learning initiative, and a project-based learning model. Even with all these changes, our students have adapted well and experienced success.

Our School Improvement Council, also in its fourth year, is a representative group of parents, teachers, administrators, and business/community members. It has become an effective, collaborative group whose objectives are to establish, monitor, and evaluate school site goals designed for ongoing school improvement.

As we continue to move ahead, we will build on our successes, continuing to create a unique and inspiring environment for our students.

--Angela Gravley



## School Community Report 2017-2018



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*Jane Garraux, Principal*  
*Michael Parker, Assistant Principal*  
*Tracy Burns, Assistant Principal*  
*Matt Critell, Program Director*

*An Innovative Approach:  
Full STEAM Ahead!*

## School Improvement Council Members

Melissa Berry, Community Partner  
 Christina Dye, PTSA President  
 Jane Garraux, Principal  
 Angela Gravley, Parent  
 Jeff Hennessy, Teacher  
 Nicky Jackson, Parent  
 Sharon Johnson, Parent  
 Michael McCullough, Community Partner  
 Michael Parker, Assistant Principal  
 Kara Leigh Pulley, Teacher  
 Laurie Schmotzer, Teacher

## Officers

Chairperson: Angela Gravley  
 Vice Chairperson: Jeff Hennessy  
 Secretary: Michael Parker



## School Profile 2017-18

### Student Enrollment

Year	Grade	Enrolled
2015-16	6, 7	655
2016-17	6, 7, 8	988
2017-18	6, 7, 8	1036

### Student Demographics

Male	55.4%
Female	44.6%
White	50.0%
African-American	34.6%
Hispanic	6.8%
Asian	3.2%
Other	5.4%
Free/Reduced Lunch	37.5%
Limited English Prof.	3.9%
SPED	11.8%

### Faculty Profile

Administrators	4
Teachers	59.5
Guidance Counselor	3.5
Media Specialist	1
Support Staff	28.5



## School Features

- Science, Technology, Engineering, ARTS, Math (STEAM) focused curriculum
- Project-based learning instructional format
- Personalized learning initiative
- Educational Partnership with Clemson University
- Related Arts Program: Art, Chorus, Band, Piano Keyboarding, Robotics, Video Gaming, GTT
- Academic Related Arts Program: Creative Writing, Speech and Drama, Public Speaking, Broadcast Journalism, Journalism, Forensics, Marine Science
- Gifted and Talented (GT) Program
- Advanced courses in Math and English Language Arts
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Active PTSA/SIC
- High School Credit Courses: Geo, IED, Alg. I, Span I, II, Art I, MMB, Eng. I, Computer Apps, Personal Finance, and Computer Science