



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

A note from the SIC Chair:

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

Our School Improvement Council, founded at the beginning of the 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 on-going school improvement.

As we look toward our second school year, we are confident that we can build on our successes and continue to improve, creating a unique and inspiring environment for our students.

--Andy Casto-Waters



School Community Report 2014-2015



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*An Innovative Approach:
Full STEAM Ahead!*

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 Andy Casto-Waters, Parent
 Serena Cox, Teacher
 Augustus Dicks, Parent
 Jane Garraux, Principal
 Judith Harrington, Teacher
 Michelle Kirby, Counselor
 Katrina Robinson, Parent

Officers

Chairperson: Andy Casto-Waters
 Vice Chair: Augustus Dicks
 Secretary: Amy Bulger



School Profile 2014-15

Student Enrollment

Year	Grade	Enrolled	Projected
2014-15	6	336	
2015-16	6, 7		670
2016-17	6, 7, 8		1000

Student Demographics

Male	58.0%
Female	42.0%
White	56.5%
African-American	30.5%
Hispanic	5.6%
Asian	4.1%
Other	0.4%
Free/Reduced Lunch	34.0%
Limited English Proficiency	5.0%

Faculty Profile

Administrators	3
Teachers	20
Guidance Counselor	1
Media Specialist	1
Support Staff	16



School Features

- Science, Technology, Engineering, ARTS, Math (STEAM) focused curriculum
- Project-based learning instructional format
- Eight period, alternating block schedule with four ninety-minute periods per day
- One-to-one laptop initiative
- Educational Partnership with Clemson University
- Community Service Learning requirement - annually
- Related Arts Program: art, chorus, band, computer technology, piano keyboarding, robotics, video gaming
- Academic Related Arts Program: creative writing, speech and drama, public speaking, Broadcast Journalism, Journalism
- Gifted and Talented (GT) Program
- Advanced courses in math and English Language Arts
- National Board Certified Teachers (6)