



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 second year! Our students (and parents) have faced many challenges: an elementary to middle school change, an eight period schedule including academic 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 second year, is a representative group of parents, teachers, administrators, and 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 look toward our third school year, we will build on our successes, continuing to create a unique and inspiring environment for our students.

--Andy Casto-Waters



School Community Report 2015-2016



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*An Innovative Approach:
Full STEAM Ahead!*

School Improvement Council Members

Jerry Blassingame, Parent
 Amy Bulger, Community Member
 Andy Casto-Waters, Parent
 Jeff Cossaboon, Community Member
 Augustus Dicks, Parent
 Tamara Glover, Teacher
 Jane Garraux, Principal
 Judith Harrington, Teacher
 Cassie Quigley, Community Member
 Matt Rollins, Parent
 Laurie Schmotzer, Teacher

Officers

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



School Profile 2015-16

Student Enrollment

Year	Grade	Enrolled	Projected
2014-15	6	336	
2015-16	6, 7	655	
2016-17	6, 7, 8		1020

Student Demographics

Male	57.1%
Female	42.9%
White	55.6%
African-American	31.1%
Hispanic	5.6%
Asian	4.3%
Other	3.4%
Free/Reduced Lunch	31.8%
Limited English Proficiency	4.7%

Faculty Profile

Administrators	4
Teachers	39.5
Guidance Counselor	2
Media Specialist	1
Support Staff	23



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
- Personalized learning initiative
- Educational Partnership with Clemson University
- Community Service Learning requirement - annually
- Related Arts Program: art, chorus, band, computer technology, piano keyboarding, robotics, video gaming, GTT
- Academic Related Arts Program: creative writing, speech and drama, public speaking, Broadcast Journalism, Journalism, Forensics
- Gifted and Talented (GT) Program
- Advanced courses in math and English Language Arts
- National Board Certified Teachers (6)
- Active PTSA/SIC