

RSIA is one of two PK-08 public schools serving the students of Beaufort County.

We have: 710 students

**Population:**

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Pre-Kindergarten: 29 | Fourth Grade: 41   |
| Kindergarten: 41     | Fifth Grade: 41    |
| First Grade: 37      | Sixth Grade: 154   |
| Second Grade: 43     | Seventh Grade: 139 |
| Third Grade: 44      | Eighth Grade: 414  |

**Student Demographics:**

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| African-American: 54% | Hispanic: 17% |
| Caucasian: 25%        | Other: 36%    |

**Our Mission**

The mission of Robert Smalls International Academy, a school committed to excellence in education, is to provide challenging globally educational opportunities for students so they become active, passionate, and project-based learners who in turn become advanced, reflective, open-minded, members of our community and the larger world.

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*“A survey of Fortune 1000 executives found that 65% of them consider **“knowledge of other nations, cultures, and international issues”** to be very important or absolutely essential to college graduates’ employability .”*

*- MetLife Inc, 2016*

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# Robert Smalls International Academy

Where **Engagement**, **Environment**, and **Empowerment**  
Create a Global Education

## Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2015-2016



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## Principal's Message

RSIA is the first public PK-08 school in Beaufort County and has ranked in the top 20% of 200 global school in the Southeast region. Our school has been embraced by the community and school board for prioritizing project-based learning through global education, as evidenced by increased student enrollment with school choice options. A project-based learning approach coupled with international activation provides students with voice and choice to improve their community and school.

Our teachers implement rigorous and relevant curriculum to promote student opportunities to be academically rich and prepared for a globally competitive environment in college and career. Foreign language awareness and instruction begins as early as elementary, allow students to be fluent by the time they move on to secondary educational settings. Our partnership with local businesses and the Foundation for Educational Excellence provides generous contributions so that students can investigate and experience inquiry-infused learning.

Career Café vocational experts and volunteers have provided authentic academic application experiences and have taught students the importance of content in everyday life. Scheduled intervention time and afterschool tutoring has provided intimate learning at differentiated pacing for those that struggle or those with advanced needs. Students from 5K-2nd grade progressed with technology by 1:1 iPad2 initiatives, while grades 3rd-8th promoted inquiry by having 1:1 Dell tablets, using them with Promethean multi-touch boards and communicating with teachers for off-campus instruction.

*Nicole Hefleman*

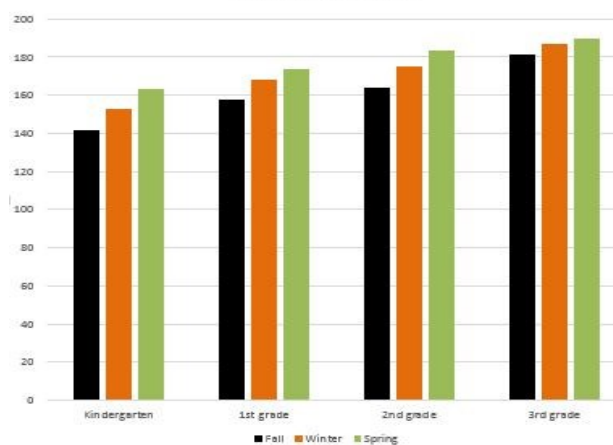
### Performance Goal:

*Robert Smalls International Academy's curriculum, instructional design and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning across all grades and courses.*

## RSIA Accomplishments

- 3rd out of 16 BCSD schools for highest Algebra I End-of-Course percentage passing.
- 2015-2016 Highest Fall to Winter MAP growth 8th grade ELA in BCSD
- 2014-15 BCSD Novice Teacher of the Year
- 2014-15 BCSD Support Teacher of the Year
- 2015 **Palmetto Silver Winner for Closing Achievement Gap and General Performance**
- Two Junior Scholars noted for 2015-16
- 2015-16 National Beta School of Merit, inducting 35 members
- Five RSIA educators presented at Best Practice Day
- SC Science Council Presenters
- Basketball made it to BCSD championship. Wrestling team made regional championship, with Jr. Olympic contenders.
- Four students in BCSD Honors Choir

**Student ELA Score Growth Grades K-3  
2014-2015 MAP**



## RSIA Initiatives for Progress

- Continued implementation of GANAG professional development with world education consultant, Dr. Pollock
- Coastal Savannah Writing Project teacher courses to improve student writing performance and instruction
- Committed participation in Literacy/Math Design Collaborative Cohort; BCSD EdTech Cohort, and Educational Administration LEAD Cohort.
- Virtual education integration with Edgenuity, USA Testprep, Skills Navigator, Compass Odyssey, MobyMax, and Study Island.
- Afterschool tutorial, before-school virtual education tutoring, Response to Intervention, and student progress monitoring from academic interventionists
- Continued PBIS implementation with goal of seeking state-wide recognition.
- Increase of teacher engagement with essential maps regarding curriculum mapping for instructional pace
- Increase family learning opportunities at RSIA

**Student ELA Score Growth Grades 4-8  
2014-2015 MAP**

