



Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2015-16

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The mission of Chapin Intermediate School, in partnership with the community, is to develop all students academically, socially, and emotionally through a challenging instructional program that prepares all students for continued success and inspires a passion for learning and serving.

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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the CIS SIC in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

About Our School

Chapin Intermediate School (CIS) is a new school serving students in Grades 5 and 6 in the Chapin area of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties. Our doors opened in August 2015 with a student population of approximately 720 students. Previously, our facility served students in Grades 6 through 8 and was known as Chapin Middle School. Our students, teachers, staff, and community came together from many schools to create a new vision, mission, culture, procedures, expectations, and schedules. This has been an exciting year for growth and opportunities for our school.

Chapin Intermediate School will, in partnership with our community, create a vibrant educational experience customized to the unique needs of our students. We will understand, appreciate, and grow each student academically, emotionally, and socially. Our students will be ethical and collaborative citizens capable of proposing and implementing informed solutions to the needs of an ever-changing world. We will inspire a continued passion for learning and serving in every student, ensuring our students are ready to succeed and take flight as they enter the next phase of their education and lives.

SIC Annual Goals

The Chapin Intermediate School SIC prepared our first School Renewal Plan this year. This plan was reviewed and edited by School Improvement Council representatives and faculty members before final revisions and approval from our School Improvement Council. Our plan focuses on goals in the areas of School Climate, Teacher and Administrator Quality, and Student Achievement.

Our School Climate goal is to develop productive citizens who demonstrate world-class skills and life and career characteristics who will contribute to a global society. This will be measured by the Character Development Program component of the School Report Card as well as the state survey administered to parents and students.

In the area of Teacher and Administrator quality, our goal is to recruit, hire, and retain highly effective, diverse staff who understand what students need to succeed in a competitive, global work place. Success in this goal will be measured by the percent of Highly Qualified teachers and the percent of teachers with Advanced Degrees and/or National Board Certification.

Our Student Achievement goal is to provide world-class knowledge via a vibrant learning experience customized to the unique needs of our students. For the 2015-2016 school year, this will be measured by student performance on the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress assessment.

School Achievements

Established a shared vision and mission for our school with input from parents, students, teachers, community members, and administrators

Created a common set of school-wide expectations and procedures

Developed and implemented a unique schedule and set of course offerings customized to our students' needs

Celebrated current and former members of our military by organizing a Veterans Day Program

Recognized student success in academics by featuring individual student achievements on ACT Aspire, SC PASS, and MAP during school assemblies

Recognized student success in the arts by holding a Winter Performing Arts assembly to celebrate our band, chorus, and orchestra programs

Formally recognized our facility's change from Chapin Middle School to Chapin Intermediate School by holding a Rededication Ceremony

Sought input from all stakeholders in developing a communications plan that facilitated two-way communication



Student Achievements

The Bank Busters team of Jewel B., MoMo F., Madison M., and Beth W. won the elementary division of the statewide Stock Market Game. Two other CIS teams finished in the top ten in the state.

MoMo F. earned 1st Place in national SIFMA InvestWrite Competition. Lexi B. earned 10th Place in national SIFMA InvestWrite Competition.

Chapin Intermediate School Chapin Girls Dance Team earned 1st Place in Hip Hop Category at the EDA National Championships. The team also won 1st Place in their division at the UDA Georgia Dance Championship.

Jade K., Yoshene M., Ava S., and Alexis W. earned awards at the USC Region II Science and Engineering Fair.

CIS Beta Club raised more than \$2000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The group also donated time and goods to the Lowman Home.

More than 9,000 acts of kindness were completed by CIS students and teachers during the Great Kindness Challenge. CIS earned the Great Kindness Seal.

Chess Team earned 3rd Place at the Midlands Scholastic Chess League III.

Students represented Chapin Intermediate at the Special Olympics.

Eight students qualified to participate in the Tri-District Arts Consortium.