



SIMMONS-PINCKNEY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

EMBRACE EMPOWER EXPOSE

843-724-7789 – 244 PRESIDENT ST, CHARLESTON, SC 29403 – SIMMONSPINCKNEY.CCSDSCHOOLS.COM

Simmons-Pinckney Middle School is a proud community standing on the horizon of limitless opportunities. Located in the heart of historic downtown Charleston, SC, we are deeply connected to—and take great pride in—the rich heritage and culture that surround us. Named in honor of master ironworker Philip Simmons and the late Reverend Clementa Pinckney, we are committed to upholding and reflecting their enduring legacy of craftsmanship, leadership, and service.

Reimagined in 2015, Simmons-Pinckney Middle School remains the only neighborhood middle school on the peninsula, serving as a vital anchor within our community.

This year, our team has been intentional in building and strengthening foundational systems that ensure a high-quality learning experience for every Panther. That is where our greatest opportunities are found. Through this focused work, we are creating the conditions for sustained success and exponential growth for all students.



SPMS 25-26: ACADEMIC GOALS

Goal #1 (Reading):

By May 2026, the percentage of students scoring Meets /Exceeds on the SCREADY ELA assessment will increase from 28.2% of 198 Panthers in 2025 to 31.2%. Panthers in 2026. **From 56 Panthers in 2025 to 62 Panthers in 2026**

Goal #2 (Math):

By May 2026, increase the percentage of students scoring Meets/Exceeds on the SCREADY Math assessment from **7.4% of 198 Panthers in 2025 to 25.8% of 198 Panthers in 2026. From 15 Panthers in 2025 to 51 Panthers in 2026**



SPMS 25-26 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL GOALS

By May 29, 2026, the SIC will support efforts to reduce the chronic absenteeism rate from 49.8% to 40% by implementing targeted family partnerships that promote healthy attendance, while providing consistent support in meaningful connections. Healthy attendance will support academic outcomes.

Middle School Overall Ratings Points

Excellent	56 to 100
Good	48 to 55
Average	36 to 47
Below Average	29 to 35
Unsatisfactory	28- below

2024-25 School Report Card Overall Rating: Unsatisfactory

SPMS Road to SCReady Strategies:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1KAr5QajjF5hLeLwbl1fqaDT3kUUDCidapT_C9xBIqUY/edit?usp=sharing

 Academic Achievement Unsatisfactory	 Preparing For Success Unsatisfactory	 Multilingual Learners' Progress Not Rated	 Student Progress Unsatisfactory
--	---	--	--

iReady Reading Projections:
 WI 25 Projections: 30.0%
 FA 25 Projections: 32.7%
 WI 26 Projections: 35.1%
 Spring 26 Projections: 36%
 Typical Goal Spring 26: 36.3%

iReady Math Projections:
 WI 25 Projections: 8.7%
 FA 25 Projections: 10.6%
 WI 26 Projections: 10.3%
 Spring 26 Projections: 11%
 Typical Goal Spring 26: 24.6%

 School Climate Unsatisfactory

Follow us on Social Media

@simmonspinckneymiddle school

Simmons-Pinckney MS



EVERYPANTHER

EMBRACE STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 7th Grader Gabrielle Hardaway became the 1st SPMS student to qualify for SCBDA All-Region Band
- 2 Students qualified for National Junior Scholars
- Chartered the SPMS chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club
- Established the Panther Mathletes After School Club (Top-Performing Math Scholars to Promote Math Achievement)
- Increased Vertical Articulation between Burke High School and SPMS
- SPMS/BHS Student Mentoring Group Established
- Partnered with Adera De Dance Company to establish a formerly trained dance troop
- Attendance Incentives
- Monthly PBIS/Climate Celebrations



- Ensure every Panther has access to high-quality instruction through direct collaboration with district and state content specialists (e.g., co-teaching, modeling)
- Implement Teach Like a Champion strategies and Get Better Faster coaching
- Support new teachers' development through the Get Your Teach On Conference
- Provide Restorative Practices training for select teachers
- Ensure appropriate team members are CPI and climate trained
- Revamped MTSS (multi-tiered support system)

SPMS prioritized family engagement early. Over the summer, Ms. Gadsden connected with families through outreach, one-on-one meetings, and "Meet the Principal" sessions. The leadership team intentionally created opportunities for families to feel welcomed and connected.

A family engagement room was established near the front office, complete with furniture, snacks, and a welcoming environment to support quick connection and problem-solving. The school also hosted an engaging Open House, featuring performances by the Burke High School band and the SPMS/BHS step team. The Charleston Police Department supported the event by providing ice cream and snacks, creating a warm, inviting atmosphere for families to connect with teachers.



EVERYPARENT

EMPOWER

We recognize that showcasing student performance and achievement is a key driver of family engagement. To support this, SPMS hosted a variety of events, including the Family Talent Show, fall and spring movie nights, Junior Beta Induction, semester awards ceremonies, and Family Health Night in partnership with Charleston Promise Neighborhood.

EVERYPARTNER

This year, SPMS intentionally reconnected with longstanding community partners. We began in the summer by reaching out and engaging early to expand student opportunities and connections. On the first day of school, we invited partners to help welcome scholars back, resulting in an exciting and well-supported event.



EXPOSE

We also hosted a "WaveMakers" brunch to share our programs and align efforts with our partners. Through these collaborations, we established a clothing closet and community pantry and partnered with the Charleston Chapter of the NAACP to launch a mentoring program serving over 40 students, with a focus on those experiencing chronic absenteeism. Additionally, Ms. Gadsden engaged community advocates across the greater Charleston and North Charleston areas to secure additional clothing and pantry resources.

- Wavemakers Brunch
- Fifth-Third Bank Financial Education Van
- Charleston NAACP Mentoring
- Year-Long Citadel College Partnership
- High-Flyers Program via CPD
- Partner with DADs and WIN program
- Charleston Promise Neighborhood
- Kids on Point



Hello Panther Family!
I'm Principal Gadsden!

NEED TO CONNECT WITH ME?

email andrea_gadsden@charlestoncountyschools.gov

or CALL 843.214.0197

SPMS 25-26 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

- SIC CHAIR: ANDRE JOHNSON
- ELECTED TEACHERS: M. WHITE (TOY), S.EKBERG (ROOKIE TOY)
- COMMUNITY: MR. JONES
- APPOINTED FACULTY/STAFF: T. GLADDEN, S. FINCH, A. MANNING, S. MORGAN
- EX-OFFICIO: ANDREA GADSDEN, PRINCIPAL