

Deer Park Middle School remains committed to creating a learning community that will ensure our students' success in school and in life. We understand that the knowledge, skills and competencies acquired now will be the foundation for future learning. This year we have created a school culture that supports and challenges students, by exposing them to rigorous, unique and transformational learning experiences, and also providing the foundational skills necessary for optimal student learning outcomes. Our goal is to maximize student learning by providing engaging and meaningful learning opportunities. We offer several courses which allow students to earn high school credit including Spanish, Algebra I, English I, Digital Literacy, and Fundamentals of Computing. We strive for all scholars to experience success academically and monitor students' academic growth closely. This year the Flex intervention period has allowed us to provide targeted, differentiated, personalized instruction to students in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Further data driven instruction within the classroom is essential to building world class skills. We support students in developing critical thinking and problem solving skills; collaboration and teamwork; and creativity and innovation through standards-based instruction and assessments, technology integration, and differentiated instruction. Deer Park continues to recognize the role that social emotional learning play in educating the whole child. Through the implementation of the Second Step program, students were exposed to powerful skills and competencies—like handling strong emotions, setting and meeting goals, making good decisions, and forging positive relationships. These lessons help build life and career characteristics such as integrity, self-direction, global perspective, work ethic, and interpersonal skills.

Deer Park Middle School School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents



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- Dr. Marsha Neal was selected as the 2022 SC STEM Educator of the Year Finalist (representing the Lowcountry).
- The Robotics Team competed in the East SC FIRST Robotics State qualifying match and advanced to the SC FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship.
- Dr. Laganna Lawrence and Jessica Smith were featured school counselors in the Pulse of CCSD.
- Deer Park received a TangerKIDS grant from Tanger Outlets. Only three schools in the Lowcountry received this award this year.
- The Girls' Basketball Team played in the Middle School Girls' Basketball League Championship.
- Five teachers won grant funding from Donors Choose.
- Three students were featured in the 2nd Annual Black History Month Art Exhibit
- Mr. David Boevers was selected as one of 25 NEH Teacher Scholars to participate in the summer institute America's Reconstruction: The Untold Story.

AVID

AVID is a national program that equips students with the skills necessary to be successful in advanced courses. The three main components of the program are collaboration, inquiry, and writing. AVID is implemented as an elective that students can apply for in sixth and seventh grade.

Pro Team

ProTeam's mission is to make students who exhibit the potential for success aware of the skills needed to complete college and consider education as a viable career option, and expand the pool of minority and male teachers available to the public schools of South Carolina.

Clubs, Programs, & Activities

Basketball * Pickle ball* Board Game Club * Young Men Rise * YES Council * Deer Park Daily * Girls on the Run* The Walking Club * Crafting Club * 50 Shades of Slay * Lego Robotics * Beats Club* One Voice Chorus * Girls on the Run * World Drumming Band * Student Government * Gardening Club*

- Communities in Schools
- Zaxby's
- Northwoods Baptist Church
- MAD Park Community
- Green Standards
- Fetter Healthcare Network
- Fundamentals of Learning
- National Council of Negro Women
- Turning the Tides Violence Prevention Program
- Denmark Technical College
- Strayer University
- YWCA