

Test Data

HEMMS was recognized for the largest improvement in objectives met for AYP— meeting 27 of 29 for 2009 and 28 of 29 for 2010.

McCracken exceeded the State average in 11 of 15 areas. These were the best results ever for our school!

WRITING

Grade	%	%
	Pass	Pass
	HEMMS	State
6	73	70.3
7	76.5	70.1
8	71.7	68.2

READING

Grade	%	%
	Pass	Pass
	HEMMS	State
6	72.9	71.7
7	73.8	68.7
8	66.8	67.5

MATH

Grade	%	%
	Pass	Pass
	HEMMS	State
6	69.7	70.3
7	70.3	69.4
8	60.4	62.7

SCIENCE

Grade	%	%
	Pass	Pass
	HEMMS	State
6	64.5	64
7	74.2	71.1
8	67.8	62.3

SOCIAL STUDIES

Grade	%	%
	Pass	Pass
	HEMMS	State
6	81.8	79.6
7	65.1	60.2
8	68	69.6

Unique Opportunities to Learn & Grow

With the combination of the middle school's 8th grade and the high school's Freshman Academy, H.E. McCracken addresses the needs of adolescent learners in unique ways. On one hand, 8th grade students benefit from a smaller school community where they have the opportunities to explore and participate in much that high school curricula has to offer. On the other hand, 9th grade students are able to have the freshman experience with certified high school teachers that provide the needed academic and social support which aids in their transition to high school.

Being in the same building affords these students and teachers the unique opportunity to share ideas across middle and high school content. Thus, a seamless bridge from middle to high school is the result.



The mission of the Beaufort County School District is to ensure excellence in education for every learner that prepares each with the knowledge, skills and personal responsibility to succeed in a rapidly changing global society.

H. E. McCracken



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& the Bobcats



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Greetings from the Principal

H. E. McCracken is honored to share with you some of our extraordinary accomplishments as we continue to meet the needs of all of our students. Our goal is to challenge and to motivate each student to reach their full potential through rigorous and relevant educational experiences.

We work hand in hand with our parents through our School Improvement Council to improve all aspects of our school. This year the council reviewed our uniform policy and decided to add additional colors. They were instrumental in addressing transportation and food service issues. Additionally SIC continues to be an active part in obtaining our goals through constant feedback and input. We truly are a better place through our synergistic relationship as we always seek the very best for our students. Please feel free to join us the last Monday of every month.

Our areas of focus

Increase student achievement within five years to exceed state and national averages

Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching and leadership

Actively engage community and stakeholders in schools

Provide resources for appropriate learning environments.

Ensure a safe and healthy learning environment

Develop practices, processes and technologies for open, frequent, transparent communication, both internally and externally

Accomplishments



- Two time Palmetto Silver Award
- Recognized for the greatest improvement in AYP objectives met for our district
- Exceeded state PASS standards in 11 of 15 areas
- Recognized for 100% Winter MAP gains
- Met 28 of 29 AYP objectives
- 6 students qualified as Duke TIP Scholars, and 39 qualified as South Carolina Junior Scholars
- Received Picturing America Grant from the National Endowment of Humanities
- Received Recycling Grant from S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental award: South Carolina Champions of the Environment 2010
- Quarterly assemblies to recognize student performance, citizenship, effort and honor roll
- Science Olympiad Awards received for 2010
- Principal received Inez M. Tenenbaum State Award for Outstanding Contributions to His Professional Learning Community
- Students scored above the state and district averages on EOC tests for Eng I, Alg I, and Physical Science
- 19 Students qualified for All-County Band

- School Newspaper The McCracken Messenger created via Journalism Classes in partnership with *Bluffton Today*
- SIC formed committee to survey school lunch menu that resulted in menu being improved to include fresh salad bar
- SIC amended school uniform colors based on student requests
- SIC addressed transportation concerns
- SIC addressed communication concerns and improvements
- Boys Baseball Team - Regular Season League Champions
- Girls League Champions and 1st place in the Tournament
- Girls Volleyball League Tournament Champions
- Girls Softball Team - undefeated regular season.
- River of Words— numerous students had original artwork and poetry published
- HEMMS drama department production of Aladdin Jr.

