

School Achievements

HSMS Honors and Intermediate Band received a superior rating in the Augusta University Regional Band Competition. 2 students represented HSMS in the Region 2 Honor Band in Lexington, 22 will attend the Aiken County Honor Band in May

India Armstrong's digital artwork won first place and made the cover of the 2025 Central Region Youth Art Month show. Gavin Holmes's art is displayed at the show

Congratulations to Anna New who was named the 2nd annual Ms. Highland Springs at the PTO pageant.

HSMS students participated in collection drives to benefit local food shelters, animal shelters, and veteran facilities. We completed our second year in our new building!

SIC and PTO partnered with HSMS throughout the year to provide goodies, lunch duty coverage, and other staff events to show their appreciation for our teachers.

Highland Springs Middle School

24-25 SIC Members

Chair: Kristian Hermanson, Parent
Principal: Ms. Paige Day
Secretary: Jeremy Lehman, AP
Steven Acevado, Parent
Gladys Snyder, Teacher
Melissa Cole, PTO Rep
Kevin Butler, Teacher
Charity Asheley, Community
Zach Philips, Community

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Highland Springs Middle School Improvement Council 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."

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Annual School Improvement Council

"Report to the Parents"

2024-2025



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Vision:

We will offer a first-class educational experience in an "excellent" school because our students deserve nothing less.

Mission Statement:

The passionate and dedicated staff at Highland Springs Middle School strives every day to create a safe and secure environment that fosters personal growth, empowers students to embrace challenges, and promotes a culture of kindness and respect.

SIC Annual Goals

During the 24-25 school year, the HSMS SIC decided to focus on building a partnership with the HSMS PTO as a fundraising entity to support the vision of creating a caring closet for students in need of basic clothing and hygiene needs. The SIC looks forward to implementing the closet during the 25-26 school year, as the raising of the funds, purchasing of the racks and other goods has taken place this year.

The team worked with local businesses, churches, and individuals to procure organizational materials as well as the products to go in the caring closet. SIC partnered with Barnwell and NA YMCA to provide SEL sessions to our staff during a workday. Financial literacy, art, and board games were also included. SIC helped implement the first annual student-faculty basketball tournament. Congrats to the 7th grade team for winning 3 games to take home the championship.

Student Achievement

Highland Springs Middle School achieved an overall score of “Average” in their first year as an established building.

HSMS students scored above the district average (53.6 and 50.8 respectively) on the 23-24 ELA portion of the SCReady state assessment.

HSMS students scored below the district average (29.5, 33.8) for the math portion of the SCReady state assessment.

Data was reviewed at various meetings, teachers and students were also invited to the meetings to discuss the on-going professional development taking place to not only improve scores, but prepare HSMS students for success at their next school

“For more information, you may view Myschool’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.”

Additional Information

As the newest school in Aiken County Public Schools, Highland Springs Middle School draws students from both areas 2 and 3 as well as many feeder schools. With students coming from many different areas and existing schools, one main goal for HSMS was to build a culture of teamwork and inclusion.

In order to achieve this goal, Highland Springs focused on building student engagement activities through organizations such as Girls on Fire, Art club, Growing Young Men, BETA club, HSMS Ambassadors, and our Student Council.

We additionally incorporated field experiences for different grade levels and focused on a student attribute each month. These attributes were highlighted by recognizing the “Riverhawks of the Month” during townhall meetings each month held with each grade level. We also highlighted student groups and upcoming events in these meetings.

- Paige Day, Principal
- Kristian Hermanson, Chair of SIC