



# PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL

Patriot Path To High School Readiness



## 2023-2024 School Improvement Council Annual Report to the Parents

### OUR MISSION

*Paul Knox Middle School commits to the development of life-long learners by providing a safe and nurturing environment where educators implement rigorous instruction to ALL students who will acquire the skills to become productive citizens and contribute to society.*

### OUR VISION

*Paul Knox Middle School will embrace each member of our community and develop their highest level of personal excellence through innovative practice and hands-on learning opportunities within a thematic school of science.*

### SIC MEMBERS

*Casey Rogers, Principal*

*Beth Hardy, SIC Chair*

*E. Thonea Grant, SIC Chair Co-Chair*

*LaPorche Meyers, SIC Chair Co-Chair*

*Carrie Albion, Teacher*

*Yvonne Alexander, Parent*

*Rebecca Dover, Teacher*

*Donna Lowry, Parent*

*Amanda Mays, Parent*

*Jessica Seawright, Parent*

*Shea Stephens, Parent*

### WHAT IS THE ANNUAL REPORT?

*South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual Report to the Parents highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. The report is developed by the School Improvement Council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.*

## SC READY STATE TESTING DATA FROM 2022-2023

The South Carolina College and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) program is a statewide assessment in English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science administered to students in grades 3–8 as required by the Education Accountability Act (EAA). Grades 6-8 take the ELA and Math assessments, while grade 6 also takes the Science assessment.

The charts below represent the percentage of students that have met or exceeded standards on the SC Ready assessments

<b>English Language Arts</b> Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	59%
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	55.8%
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	65.7%

<b>Mathematics</b> Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	32.4%
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	33.6%
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	40.6%

<b>Science</b> Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	46.4%

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS 2023-2024

Paul Knox uses NWEA MAP testing to measure academic progress throughout the school year. The NWEA MAP test is a nationally normed test that sets growth goals for students as we seek to grow and improve academic progress throughout the year.

This school year students have shown growth that exceeds nationally normed grade level growth. Below is the percentage of students that have met or exceeded their growth goal

<b>English Language Arts</b> Percentage of students that met or exceeded MAP growth goals	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	48%
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	54%
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	66%

<b>Mathematics</b> Percentage of students that met or exceeded MAP growth goals	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	28%
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	45%
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	51%

Based on our growth on MAP testing we're looking forward to increased growth and achievement on the upcoming SC Ready testing in May.

## SIC GOALS FOR 2023-2024

The Paul Knox Middle School School Improvement Council's focus for the 2023-2024 school year is to further develop and improve our rising 6th grade transition camp, working with teachers to create our Pi Night ATSI math event, and to develop opportunities for parents to learn more about ways to be involved and help with their student's education.

As a result of the hard work of the SIC we are excited to announce that the 6th Grade Transition Camp for rising 6th graders will take place on July 12, 2024 with two identical sessions. The first session will run from 8:30-10:30 am and the second session will run from 4:30-6:30 pm. The transition camp will have separate informational sessions for parents and students with a combined session for Q&A. Thank you to all of our SIC members. If you're interested in participating in the 2024-2025 SIC at Paul Knox, please reach out to our Principal, Casey Rogers, at [CRogers@acpsd.net](mailto:CRogers@acpsd.net)