



PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL

Patriot Path To High School Readiness



2022-2023

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
Teresa Mitchem, Asst. Principal
Megan Ball, SIC Chair
Charity Bussey, Secretary
Chon Mathews, Community Member
E. Thonea Grant, Parent
Michelle Stevens, Parent
Tiffany Bell, Teacher
Agnes Norton, Teacher
Tonja Rivers, Teacher*

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 2021-2022

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

English Language Arts – Percentage of students met or exceeding state standards	
6 th Grade	39.6%
7 th Grade	49.5%
8 th Grade	51.5%

Mathematics Percentage of students met or exceeding state standards	
6 th Grade	26.1%
7 th Grade	34.9%
8 th Grade	30.7%

Science Percentage of students met or exceeding state standards	
6 th Grade	41.2%

ACADEMIC PROGRESS 2022-2023

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

English Language Arts Percentage of students that met MAP Growth Goals	
6 th Grade	53%
7 th Grade	64%
8 th Grade	63%

Mathematics Percentage of students that met MAP Growth Goals	
6 th Grade	48%
7 th Grade	58%
8 th Grade	53%

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

SIC GOALS FOR 2022-2023

The Paul Knox Middle School School Improvement Council's focus for the 2022-2023 school year is to further develop and improve our rising 6th grade transition camp, utilize parent survey data to improve school communication practices, 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 14, 2023 with two identical sessions. The first session will run from 8 am - 10 am and the second session will run from 5 pm - 7 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 2023-2024 SIC at Paul Knox, please reach out to our Principal, Casey Rogers, at CRogers@acpsd.net