

## Berkeley County School District



### Mission:

Building upon our rich **Lowcountry traditions**, we will ignite in every student a passion for life long learning. Through dynamic instruction, creative partnerships and exceptional support, we will foster opportunities for each student to build a **successful legacy**.

### Vision:

To challenge and empower our students to be successful, in a highly competitive world.

### Our Philosophy of Arts Infusion:

The mission of the Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School is to include the arts as an essential component of the curriculum to optimize student achievement through a variety of learning experiences that facilitate the development of our students as lifelong learners and productive citizens.



## Goals

1. We will provide safe, orderly and healthy schools that insure a positive and caring learning environment.
2. We will realize high levels of academic growth and achievement for all students.
3. We will build family, community and business support that will generate advocacy for our school and our school district.
4. We will recruit, retain, and develop quality teachers, administrators and staff.
5. We will be responsible stewards of our resources and insure that we provide a quality education for all students.
6. We will develop, refine and implement an effective communication plan for our school.

## School Improvement Council (SIC)

**Chair:** Audrey Czwakiel \*

**Vice Chair:** Tammy Sakalas \*

**Secretary:** Judy Gergick\*

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# Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School



*A National Blue Ribbon  
School of Excellence*



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## Our Accomplishments

- ◆ Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for Arts in Education
- ◆ Palmetto's Finest School Finalist
- ◆ Excellent Absolute and Growth Rating
- ◆ Wellness Champion Award from MUSC Health and Boeing Center
- ◆ 1st in state on SCAAP in Visual Arts & Music in 2011-2012
- ◆ Awarded the prestigious United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Award in 2010-2011
- ◆ Awarded Palmetto Gold Award recognizing "schools for attaining high levels of absolute performance and schools for attaining high rates of improvement" in 2009-2012
- ◆ Awarded the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee "Closing the Achievement Gap" Recognition 6 years in a row from 2004-2012
- ◆ National Winner of the Kennedy Center Creative Ticket Award for making the Arts essential in students' education in 2006-2007

### 2014—ESEA/Federal Accountability

**Overall Points Earned— 96.4**

**Overall Grade—A**

2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent

## OUR RECENT DATA

### PASS Test Results for 2014

#### 2014 PASS Comparison

Percentage of students scoring met or exemplary

	ELA		Math	
	Met	Exemplary	Met	Exemplary
Grade 3	12%	80%	37%	41%
Grade 4	38%	58%	53%	37%
Grade 5	41%	58%	43%	43%
	Science		Social Studies	
	Met	Exemplary	Met	Exemplary
Grade 3	56%	39%	22%	76%
Grade 4	57%	35%	28%	68%
Grade 5	57%	32%	32%	60%

Writing	Met	Exemplary
Grade 3	19%	73%
Grade 4	52%	41%
Grade 5	31%	69%

ELA	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
State	79%	77%	80%
District	81%	80%	84%
HHA	92%	96%	99%

Math	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
State	72%	75%	76%
District	70%	79%	79%
HHA	78%	90%	86%

## Our School is a Unique Place to Learn

- Arts Infused and Integrated lessons foster student engagement and promote learning
- Student participation in Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Dance, STEAM, and Spanish Classes.
- Two school performances each school year where students experience the thrill of performing on stage for a large community audience.
- Exploratory classes for grades 3 - 5 which allow students to experience subjects including: ceramics, digital media, sketching, violin, chess, robotics, steel drums, strings, puppets, and dance.
- Artists in Residence and performances to enrich student understanding and interests in the arts.
- 77% of teachers hold advanced degrees
- Selected students perform in Chameleon Choraleers, AIMS Players, AIMS Dance, AIMS Ambassadors, Color-guard and Chameleon Steel Drum.
- Strong parent involvement including PTA, SIC, and 100% participation in parent conferences.