

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)

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Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School



*A National Blue Ribbon
School of Excellence*



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Our Accomplishments

- ◆ Awarded the prestigious United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Award in 2010-2011
- ◆ National Winner of the Kennedy Center Creative Ticket Award for making the Arts essential in students' education in 2006-2007
- ◆ Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for Arts in Education—2015
- ◆ Palmetto's Finest School Finalist—2014
- ◆ Awarded Palmetto Gold Award recognizing "schools for attaining high levels of absolute performance and schools for attaining high rates of improvement" in 2008-2015
- ◆ Recognized by the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee for "Closing the Achievement Gap" with a Palmetto Gold or Silver Award 7 years in a row from 2008—2015
- ◆ Wellness Champion Award from MUSC Health and Boeing Center 2013-2015

2014—ESEA/Federal Accountability
Overall Points Earned— 96.4
Overall Grade—A

SCDOE Report Card Ratings
No ratings issued in 2015 by SCEOC

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

OUR RECENT DATA

ASPIRE / PASS Test Results for 2015

Data as reported by the SCDOE from the ACT
ASPIRE and DRC PASS TESTS

	ENGLISH	Math
	Percent Exceeding or Ready	Percent Exceeding or Ready
Grade 3	82%	75%
Grade 4	94.6%	57.3%
Grade 5	89.2%	46%
	Science	Social Studies
	Percent Met or Exemplary	Percent Met or Exemplary
Grade 4	93.3%	97.3%
Grade 5	89.2%	91.9%

Writing	Percent Exceeding or Ready
Grade 3	27.1%
Grade 4	21.9%
Grade 5	28.5%



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, and Dance Classes.
- Three 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.

