

Our Achievements

Based on the Federal Accountability Rating System, the performance of NEMS substantially **exceeded** the state's **expectation** with an overall grade of "A".

The school maintained an **Average** rating for the fourth consecutive year.

The school received the **Palmetto Silver Award** for Closing the Achievement Gap

Our Students and Staff

Four NEMS teachers have earned National Board Certification.

Mrs. Rood, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. Valentine, and Mrs. McNeill received grants to enhance the instructional program.

Patrick Boatwright won the School Spelling Bee.

Vanessa Campbell, Cierra Smith, and Marihelen Burton earned 3rd place in the SC Stock Market Game.

Caroline Terry and Mikaela Love earned a place in the District 2 Region Band and the Aiken All County Band.

Approximately 23 students were inducted into the National Junior Beta Club.

A team of five students participated in the County Academic Team Competitions.

Jhakar Allison and Caroline Terry marched with the Silver Spirit Band.

7th and 8th grade Concert Band received an Excellent rating at the USCA Concert Festival.

Patrick Boatwright and Brandon Dooley qualified as SC Junior Scholars.

New Ellenton Middle School SIC Members

Chair: Mrs. Cheryl Braswell, Parent

Parent: Ms. Sydelle Young

Parent: Mr. Guy Thompson

Parent: Ms. Teshania Bey

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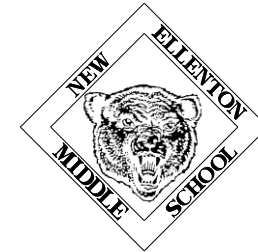
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Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2012-13

Our Mission

The mission of New Ellenton Middle School is to provide a safe, nurturing, learning environment where individual needs, differences, and abilities of students are recognized and where students are challenged to excel with the support of the home, school, and community.

SIC Annual Goals from the five-year School Improvement Plan

Goal 1: By spring 2014, 90% of the students will score at the Met or Exemplary in English Language Arts and mathematics and 80% in science and social studies as measured by the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards.

Action Taken: Analyzed MAP data, differentiated instruction, professional development, literacy model implementation, arts infusion, accommodations lab, enrichment periods, technology, Common Core State Standards, increased instructional materials, reduced class size, common teacher planning, early release Wednesdays, Making Middle Grades Work strategies

Outcomes: Reduced the achievement gap and maintained Average rating for the S.C. School Report Card.

Goal 2: By Spring 2014, 100% of our teachers will maintain highly qualified status as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act.

Action Taken: State Certification with highly qualified designation

Outcomes: All teachers are highly qualified.

Goal 3: By Spring 2014, 90% of the stakeholders will indicate satisfaction with the learning, social and physical environment, and school-home relations as measured by the school report survey.

Action Taken: Incentives, parent communication and meetings, family nights, quarterly parent conferences, automated phone calling system, Power School, parent liaison, and mentoring

Outcomes: Out of these 9 identified areas, we have met 6 in the areas of student responses to school-home relations, and teacher responses to all the areas.

Student Achievement

The percentage of students meeting or exceeding standard on the 2012 PASS test

Grade	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
6	67.2	64.2	51.4	71.9
7	61.8	75	51.3	55.3
8	80	94	77.1	77.1

NEMS Annual S.C. School Report Card Ratings

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average

All students in Algebra I passed the End of Course Exam (EOC) and 96% passed EOC for English I.

Significant increases in the scores of 8th graders were noted on the PASS exams. In the 8th grade, ELA PASS scores increased by 20 percentage points from last year and increased by more than 13.2 percentage points in mathematics.

Eighth graders also increased in social studies PASS scores by 17 percentage points and in science by more than 15 percentage points.

*For more detailed information, you may view the **New Ellenton Middle School South Carolina Report Card** online at <http://www.ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards>*

Community Involvement

We rise to the challenges of a small community school and provide educationally sound experiences for our students. We embrace meeting our challenges by providing highly qualified teachers, staff development on our early release day each month, and by delivering a Standards-based curriculum.

In addition to our Title I funds and District support, our PTO provided supplies and incentives for our instructional delivery and performance. This school-based support covered our needs for microphones, apps for iPads, AR Tests, and incentives.

The partnership we enjoy with our PTO, Grace Covenant Church of God, Cedar Creek Community, Cedar Creek Church, Corinth Baptist Church, Four Mile Baptist Church, Christ Central, and F.A.T.O, as well as other community organizations and businesses helps our teachers and students reach their goals and achieve at higher levels. Thank you for your support and encouragement!

Purpose of this Report

This report is issued by the New Ellenton 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.

Parents and community members can find ways to become more involved in the life of our school by contacting a School Improvement Council member or the school.