

New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet

ANNUAL SIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS

2025-2026

SIC Members

Chair

Robin Perry, Parent

Elected

Tonikka Patterson, Parent

Bridgett Kearse, Counselor

Patricia Saxon, Teacher

Katie Tate, Teacher/Parent

Appointed

Megan Granquist, Teacher

Bonnie McNeil, Community Member

Ex-Officio

Karen Fiery, Principal

Melissa Tripp, Assistant Principal

Mission:

New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School is a school of academic excellence that fosters achievement, strong community relations, and the development of well-rounded citizens through innovative teaching practices.



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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS

Goal One: Improve Communication Between Schools and Families

- Began digital weekly family newsletter, Wolverine Weekly
- Increased use of Facebook and Thrillshare Live Feed/direct messaging
- Direct communication with students/families through email and phone

Goal Two: Restore School Climate Survey Score to Average or Good

- Implement surveys throughout the year to determine areas of weakness
- Work to meaningfully consider survey feedback and implement changes where feasible

SCHOOL STATISTICS

New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet Report Card

	2024	2025
Academic Achievement	Average	Average
Preparing for Success	Not Measured	Average
Student Progress	Below Average	Average
School Climate	Good	Below Average

2025 Overall Rating: Average, 42 Points Earned

- Poverty Index: 68.13%
- Aiken County Public Schools, Area 5
- Student Enrollment: 259
- Number of Teachers: 21
- For more Report Card Data: <https://bit.ly/nemsreportcard2025>

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is issued by New Ellenton Middle School's Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, and the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

STUDENT AND SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Seven students earned PSAT Junior Scholar Distinction

Three students selected as Regional Civics Bee Finalists: Adam Trippi, Jionni Williams, Parker Burke

Teacher chosen as American Legion Post 26 Teacher of the Year: Ms. Shauna Bashline

ACPSD GEM Employee of the Year Honor Court, Mr. James Ingram

25-26 ACPSD Middle Level Boys Basketball Champions

Recertified for Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant

Lions Club International Peace Poster Honorable Mention: Millie Merryman

Concert Performance Assessment: Superior Rating

One Student Finalist for District Spelling Bee: McKenzie Miles

NEMS Academic Team Placed Top 3 in District Middle Level

2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS



Teacher of the Year:
Amy Shepler



Employee of the Year:
James Ingram



**Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant
Recertification**



**2026 ACPSD Middle Level
Boys Basketball Champions**



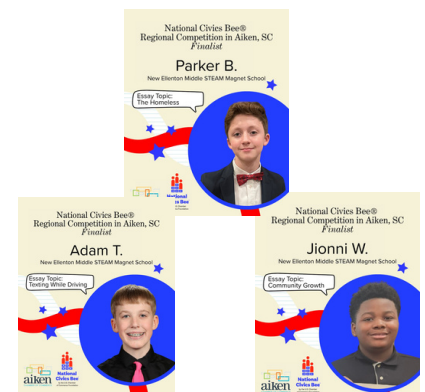
7 Students Named PSAT Junior Scholars



Concert Performance Assessment: Superior



**Lions Club International
Peace Poster Winner:**
Millie Merryman



Three Regional Civics Bee Finalists

CONNECT WITH THE SIC

If you are interested in joining the SIC, please reach out to Karen Fiery, Principal at kfiery@acpsd.net for more information.