

## WE BELIEVE...

- All students can learn.
- All students learn best in a safe and orderly environment.
- Middle school students have unique social, emotional, and educational needs.
- A consistently applied discipline policy is necessary for a healthy learning environment.
- Faculty, staff, students, and parents need to be held accountable for the choices they make.
- Attendance by all is essential for school success.
- Communication and collaboration among administration, faculty, and community must be effective and on-going.

### Charleston Achieving Excellence

- Literacy Improvement
- Effective Teaching and Leadership
- World-Class Schools & Systems
- Strategic Partnerships

### Charleston County School District Goals

- Move more students to Exemplary levels on standardized assessments.
- Close the achievement gap between groups.
- Increase high school graduation rates for all students.

### Charleston County School District Core Values

- Results: Rigor and Relevance
- Access: Equity and Choice
- Partnerships: Respect and Relationships
- Diversity

## A Tradition of Excellence

Once again, Moultrie Middle School has earned the Palmetto Gold Award for Student Performance and Excellent Absolute and Growth ratings. With a rich tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, arts, our goal is to help all students reach their full potential. We raise the academic bar to ensure that our students are learning at the highest levels and are well-prepared for the rigors of high school and beyond. Middle school is an exciting time in a young person's life. While we hold high expectations for student achievement, we also nurture our students and ensure they enjoy school.

Interdisciplinary teaming is a fundamental part of our middle school philosophy. Teams of four teachers teach the core classes of English, math, science, and social studies and students take two exploratory classes. Many students take courses for high school credit such as Algebra 1, Spanish 1, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications. This team approach is research based and has proven to not only increase student achievement but enhance the sense of community and belonging in school.

Continuing with the tradition of excellence, students took highest ratings in local, state, and national fine arts venues including Art, Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. Students also took part in National History Day, Invention Convention, the National Geography Bee, and numerous other scholastic events. Moultrie teachers participated this year in a Personalized Learning Pilot and six classroom sets of iPads have been put in place. Problem-based, personalized learning is taking root across all grades.

Strong partnerships with the community are vital to our success and we work with many partners including the Town of Mt. Pleasant, East Cooper Medical Center, and Piggly Wiggly. Through grants and generous donations, Piggly Wiggly, Whole Foods, Women in Charge and Coastal Expeditions have enabled students to cultivate a love of the outdoors, gardening, and understanding the scientific world. Moultrie students worked side by side with local environmentalist and biologist to transplant Spartina grass to preserve our local marshes. Kayaking, trips to Capers Island, and building oyster reefs, are just a few of the projects undertaken by 6<sup>th</sup> graders. 7<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to Camp Greenville and worked with the Sewee Center to learn about the world and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students researched and created award winning National History Day projects some of which are now competing at the national level. This sort of rigorous real world learning is common at Moultrie Middle School.

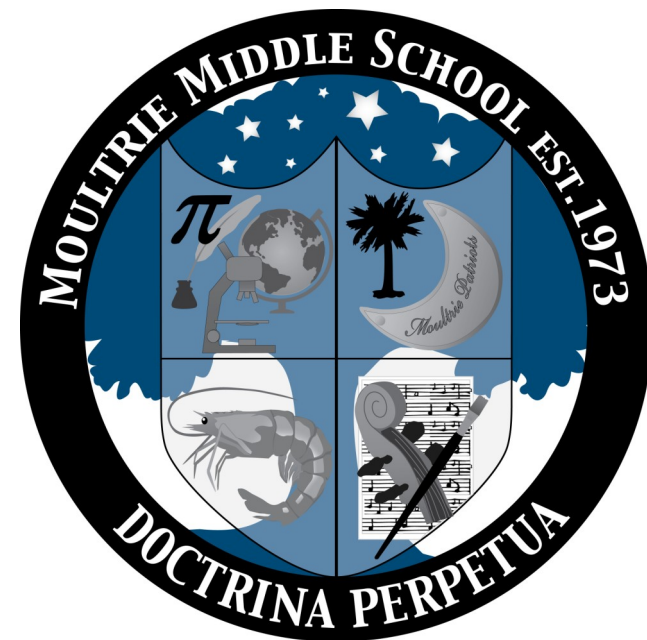
In addition to academic pursuits, our students are constantly involved in service projects and giving back to the community. Students supported causes such as Toys for Tots, Music and Equine Therapy, Buddy Walk, Race for the Cure-Pink and Teal, Troop Care packages, Cystic Fibrosis, and the Moultrie Angel Fund. This year we also hosted our second annual 5K Fun Run and Walk through the Old Village and participated in multiple Walk to School Day events. These community wellness events were great fun and fitness for our students, staff, and families. Student Council and Beta Club students participated in the Tricounty Youth Service Day and plans are already underway for next year's events.

Moultrie Middle School continues to exemplify excellence and educates all students at the highest levels. We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

# Moultrie Middle School

2012-2013

## Annual Report



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# MOULTRIE MIDDLE ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

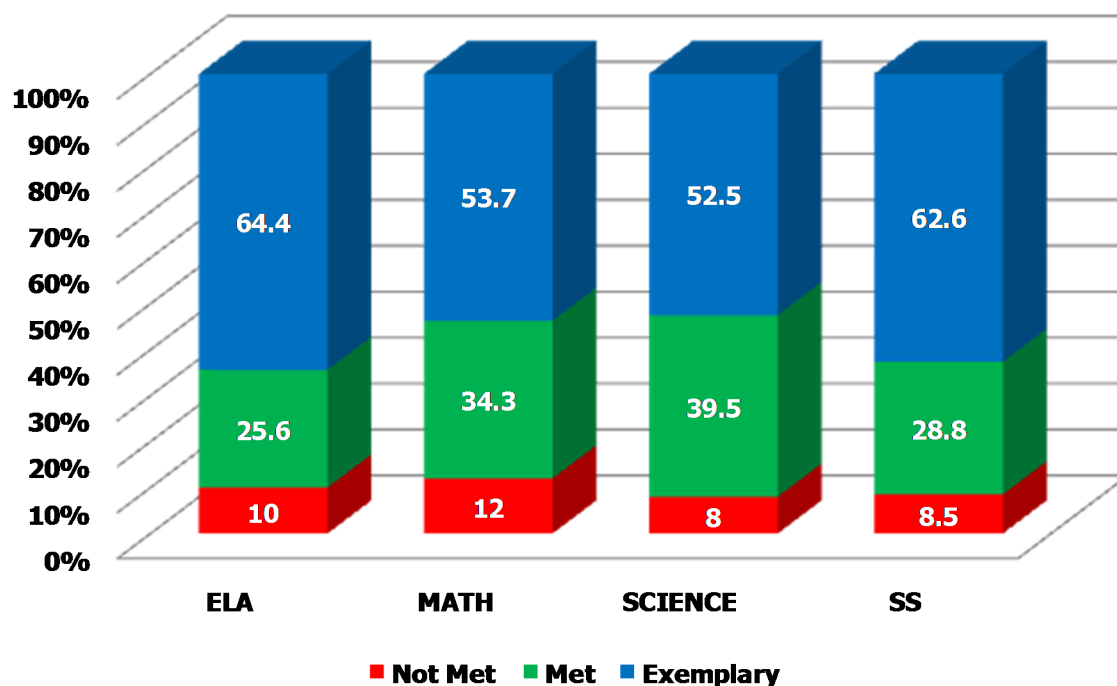
**PASS 2011-2012**

## VISION

To create a safe and respectful community of responsible learners.

## MISSION

MMS recognizes the unique needs of the middle school student. Through academics, arts, and athletics, we will develop and nurture individuals, empowering them to think creatively and critically to meet the challenges of a changing world.



## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT
2011	EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT
2010	EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT
2009	EXCELLENT	GOOD
2008	GOOD	BELOW AVERAGE

