

GMS

Annual School Events

All Academic Awards Program

Band and Chorus Concerts

Black History Program

Breakfast with the Principal

Chief Pride Code with

Positive Behavior Incentives

Disney World Trip

Fall and Winter

Sports Banquets

Health and Wellness

March of Dimes

Multicultural Celebration

Quarterly Awards Program

New York Trip

Relay for Life

Veteran's Day Program

Walk to School

White Christmas Project

Mission Statement

The mission of Gaffney Middle School, in partnership with all stakeholders, is to ensure a quality education by providing a safe, supportive, and structured learning environment.

Vision Statement

Gaffney Middle School will become a school of excellence for all students by fostering academic and social growth through creativity, collaboration, and reflection. This vision statement is intended to serve as both the blueprint for improvement and the benchmark by which we will evaluate our progress.



GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2017-2018

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This report is issued by the GMS School Improvement Council in accordance with SC 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.

CHIEFS 2017-2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Junior Scholars

**Halleigh Carroll, Kylie McAllister,
Ricki Ann Marshall, Drake Strong**

Young Writer's Gala

3rd Place Poetry—**Caitlin Hines**

Regional Science Fair Winners

3rd Place Chemistry—**Darby Blanton**

Honorable Mention Biology

Cadence Meyer

GMS Band Awards

Music in the Parks Festival

Orlando Florida

1st Place—GMS Honor Band

1st Place—Middle School Jazz Band

SCBDA Winter Ensemble

1st Place—GMS Indoor Percussion

Distinguished Teacher of Reading

Mrs. Candace Holmes

Teacher of the Year

Dr. Terry Stuard

Support Staff of the Year

Ms. Tina Savage

Curriculum and Professional Development

- ◆ Certified staff participated in on-going sessions in order to fully implement district initiatives such as collaborative instructional planning, student engagement, RtI, data analysis and problem-based learning. All initiatives maintained a focus on college and career readiness, and rigor and relevance across all disciplines.
- ◆ Gaffney Middle continues to integrate technology in the classrooms with laptops, LCD projectors, document cameras, and interactive Activ Boards. We are proud of our success in fully implementing the CCSD 1:1 initiative.
- ◆ Teachers participated in data-driven study groups to identify grade level and classroom student achievement goals.
- ◆ Teachers served on Professional Learning Community teams, with continued focus on grade level common assessments of student learning, including science and social studies Case benchmarks, USA test prep and AVID training.
- ◆ Teachers attended conferences in Standards to Instructions, 4.0 Edivate, Math, Reading, RtI, and PLTW to enhance classroom instruction and student learning.

Who Are We?

School Mascot: The Chiefs

School Colors: Black, Gold, and White

Student Enrollment: 539

Total Staff: 70

Dear Parents,

This has been a fast-paced year with the implementation of the district's 1:1 technology initiative. This initiative has been highly successful and our students seem very proud of all that they have learned! We continued to strengthen problem based learning, and our teachers attended numerous conferences and training sessions to help equip themselves with appropriate instructional strategies for reaching the needs of our diverse adolescent learners. We provided numerous academic opportunities for our students including STEM classes and PLTW (Project Lead The Way) classes and high school credit classes for 8th graders. Also, we offered additional academic assistance to our students by using Title 1 funds to employ a Reading Interventionist, to operate the Academy of Reading program and to host an after-school homework center. In addition to academic accomplishments, we had great success with our fine arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities.

On behalf of the Gaffney Middle School faculty and staff, we believe each student can achieve their highest potential. Teaching your child is a privilege we accept with great responsibility.