

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

Huntsville Alabama

&

Atlanta Georgia 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 2018-2019

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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 2018-2019

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Junior Scholars

**Jonathan Calderilla, Amastasia Glaser,
Caitlin Hines, Ryder Ruppe,
Brandon Shiflett, Vicky Zhang**

Young Writer's Gala

District Winner Prose—**Anastasia Glaser**

District Winner Poetry —**Darby Blanton**

School Winners

Monica Witrigo, Allison DeLeon

Demarial Smith

Martin Luther King Essay—**Angela Pastrana**

Regional Science Fair Winners

3rd Place Chemistry—**Darby Blanton**

Honorable Mention Biology

Cadence Meyer

GMS Band & Choral Awards

2018 Carowinds Festival of Music

GMS Honor Choir-Excellent Rating

S.C. Jazz Ensemble
Performance Assessment

Middle School Jazz Bands

Superior Rating

Distinguished Teacher of Reading

Mrs. Alida Holmes

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Jennifer Harris

Support Staff of the Year

Mr. Julius Wilkerson

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 ActivBoard. 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: 583

Total Staff: 70

Gaffney Middle School is committed to provide all students a high quality and innovative instruction, using the profile of the South Carolina graduates as the framework. 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, and to host an after-school homework center. In addition to academic accomplishments, we had great success with our fine arts, athletics, and drama with the production of The Lion King.

Based on PBIS, our students are split into groups and are encouraged by their teachers and peers to follow our Chief Character code. Class Dojo is used to assign points based on attendance and behavior to give incentives.

On behalf of the Gaffney Middle School faculty and staff, we believe teaching your child is a privilege which we accept with great responsibility.