

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

Fall and Winter

Sports Banquets

Health and Wellness

March of Dimes

Multicultural Celebration

Quarterly Awards Program

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 2019-2020

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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 2019-2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Junior Scholars

**Mikael Huffman, Darby Blanton,
Will Wilkins, Jack McBee,
Mickey Harmon, Arelimar Colon Rodriguez**

Jillian Edwards

Young Writer's Gala

District Winner Prose— **Kevin Pastraana**

School Winners

**Emma Grace Harvey, Haylee Sprouse,
Jeremiah Peterson, Emma Bauman,
Anna Pastrana**

Regional Science Fair Winners

3rd Place General Science— **Nora Hobbs**

Honorable Mention Physical Science

Korbin Junge, Ethan Harvey

National Audubon Society Award

Darby Blanton—This Food Smells Fishy

Distinguished Teacher of Reading

Mrs. Pam Elliott

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Candace Holes

Mrs. Debra Williamson

Support Staff of the Year

Mrs. Suzy George

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: 1036

Total Staff: 114

Gaffney Middle School is committed to provide all students with a high quality and innovative instruction, using the profile of the South Carolina Graduates as the framework. With the closing of Granard Middle School, the student population increased from 583 to 1036 students. GMS teachers remained focused to provide a safe, nurturing and academically challenging learning environment. New and effective strategies were used in the classroom such as: Project Lead the Way, Project Based Learning, STEM classes, high school credit classes for 8th grade students. Academy of Reading, Making Connections Interventions and utilizing resources provided by our Reading and Behavioral interventionist. In addition to academic accomplishments, we had great successes with our fine arts, athletics, and drama with the production of the High School Musical.

In March of 2020, schools across South Carolina were issued a Government decree to close during the COVID 19 pandemic. Students accessed lessons and maintained academic structure and skills thru E-Learning. During these unprecedented times, teachers remained steadfast in the belief that teaching your child is a privilege which is accepted with great responsibility.