

GMS

Annual School Events

Quarterly Awards Programs

Breakfast with the Principal

Veteran's Day Program

Multicultural Celebration

Black History Program

Band and Chorus Concerts

Career Day Expo

Hoops For Heart

March of Dimes

**Disney World and Washington,
DC trips**

Relay for Life

White Christmas Project

**Fall and Winter Sports
Banquets**

**Chief Pride Code with Positive
Behavior Incentives**

Mission Statement

The mission of Gaffney Middle School, in partnership with all stakeholders, is to ensure 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 2014-2015

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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 2014-2015

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

◆ Junior Scholars:

Haleigh Godfrey, Joseph Matthew, Aaron Nolen, Caroline Smith, Dacy Thomas, Kate Williams

◆ Patriot's Pen District First Place:

Michael Hull

◆ DAR Essay District First Place

Aaryan Patel

◆ Young Writers Gala District First Place:

Poetry: Caroline Smith

Prose: Leah Bowen

◆ MLK, Jr. Essay Contest Winner:

Lexie Blackwell

◆ Arts Expo District Cover Design Winner:

Destiny Garcia

◆ Arts Expo District Cover Honorable Mentions:

Kaylei Aguas, Sandy Paz, Jewel Wells

◆ Teacher of the Year:

Mrs. Misty Karzmizki

◆ GMS Distinguished Teacher of Reading and District Distinguished Teacher of Reading:

Mrs. Cassandra Johnson

◆ GMS Support Staff of the Year:

Mrs. Lorie Tate

2014-15 "Quality Without Question"

Curriculum and Professional Development

- ◆ Certified staff participated in on-going sessions in order to fully implement the new district lesson plan template with an increased focus on rigor and relevance across all disciplines.
- ◆ Gaffney Middle continued to integrate technology in the classrooms with laptops, iPads, LCD projectors, document cameras, and interactive Activ Boards.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Teachers attended conferences in reading, social studies, and the American Middle Level Education conference to enhance classroom instruction and student learning.

Who Are We?

School Mascot: The Chiefs

School Colors: Black, Gold, and White

Student Enrollment: 608

Total Staff: 70

Dear Parents,

This year we strived to achieve the district mission by providing excellence through student engagement. We provided numerous academic opportunities for our students including STEM classes in grades 6-8, and high school credit courses for 8th graders. We also offered additional academic assistance to our students by using Title I funds to employ a Math Interventionist. Additionally, we used these funds to implement the Academy of Reading program and to host an after-school homework center.

The majority of our professional development opportunities focused on the continued implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the district's new lesson plan template designed to promote collaborative planning among grade level teachers. We enjoyed our second year as a "Winthrop University Partner School," which offered exciting networking and growth opportunities for Gaffney Middle, as well as for potential Winthrop teaching interns.

We raised the bar for academic excellence at GMS, and are extremely proud of our students and staff for their accomplishments! As always, we thank you for your continued support.