

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 Philadelphia,
Pa. 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 2016-2017

Dr. Shirley Sealy, Principal
Mr. Kevin Parker, AP
Mr. Randy Phillips, AP
*Mrs. Amanda Lemmonds,
SIC Chairperson*



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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 2016-2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Junior Scholars
**Lily Bird, Ryan Buice, Kyle Holman,
Larkin Marthers, Myah Payne**
- ◆ District Patriots Pen Essay Winner
Madison Sperber
- ◆ Young Writers Gala District Winner
Prose 2nd Place– **Lily Bird**
- ◆ Arts Expo District Cover Design HM
Johnny Sarratt, III
- ◆ Regional Science Fair Winners
First Place Behavioral/Social Science–
Braden Mueller
Honorable Mention Math/Computer Science–
Lily Bird
- ◆ Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Amanda Baer
- ◆ GMS Distinguished Teacher of Reading
and District Distinguished Teacher of
Reading
Mrs. April Shelton
- ◆ GMS Support Staff of the Year
Mrs. Frannie Stockwell

2016-2017 “Quality Without Question”

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 continued to integrate technology in the classrooms with laptops, iPads, 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.
- ◆ Teachers attended conferences in math, reading, social studies, science, PBL, and RtI to enhance classroom instruction and student learning.

Who Are We?

School Mascot: The Chiefs

School Colors: Black, Gold, and White

Student Enrollment: 548

Total Staff: 77

Dear Parents,

This was a wonderful and fast-paced year with the implementation of the Growth Mindset Program and the district’s 1:1 technology initiative. Both initiatives were highly successful and our students seem very proud of all that they’ve 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 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 Reading Interventionist, to operate the Academy of Reading and Academy of Math programs and to host an after-school homework center. In addition to our academic accomplishments we had great success with our fine arts, athletics and all other extracurricular activities.

On behalf of the Gaffney Middle School faculty and staff, “We are very proud of our students and we thank you for sharing them with us. As always, we appreciate your loyal support of all that we do the CHIEF WAY!”