

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 New York City
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 2015-2016

Dr. Shirley Sealy, Principal
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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 2015-2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

◆ Junior Scholars:

Christy Bolin, Charity Dawkins, Grayson McDowell, Mason Waltman,

Carson Wofford

◆ District Spelling Bee Winner

Mason Waltman

◆ Young Writers Gala District Winners

Prose 1st Place– **Lily Bird**

Prose 3rd Place– **Dev Patel**

◆ MLK, Jr. District Poster Contest Winner

Luke Hazel

◆ Arts Expo District Cover Design HM

Destiny Garcia:

◆ Regional Science Fair Winner

First Place Behavioral/Social Sciences–

Halleigh Carroll

◆ Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Jennifer Batchler

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

Mrs. Jennifer Batchler

◆ GMS Support Staff of the Year

Ms. Carol Wilson

2015-2016 “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. Staff participated in device training in preparation for the upcoming 2016-2017 district 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 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: 565
Total Staff: 70*

Dear Parents,

This year we focused on differentiated instruction and 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 Math and Reading Interventionists. 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 SC College and Career Readiness Standards and grade level teachers planned collaboratively in order to meet the needs of all of our students. We enjoyed our third 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.