

Curriculum and Instruction

This year the focus at CMS has been 1 to 1 technology being available in every classroom. In addition to 1 to 1 technology, a school broadcasting team has been established to report school news utilizing graphic design and other technology. The 1 to 1 technology has also made the Success Maker program and Study Island readily available to all students with the hopes of increasing student achievement in all areas. A school-wide writing process was instituted by the English department and the Reading Intervention class was maintained while a math intervention class was instituted.

MAP Test Results

Reading

Total # of students tested- Spring.....	478
Total # of students who made gains.....	281
Total % of gains.....	59%

Math

Total # of students tested- Spring	473
Total # of students who made gains	326
Total % of gains	69%

The percentage of students making gains in reading is 10% higher than it was last year and 20% higher in math as compared to last year. We strive to impress upon students the importance of these assessments as instructional tools. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have questions.

School Sponsored Student Activities

- BrainPOP
- PBIS House activities
- Class DoJo
- Study Island
- Mentor Me
- Intramural activities through Houses
- Academic Challenge Team
- Cultural Fair
- Sustained Silent Reading
- After-school Program
- House Showcase

Student Academic Awards

CMS believes in rewarding students for hard work and dedication. Students receive awards for Most Improved, Perfect Attendance, State and National Awards, A Honor Roll and A/B Honor Roll. CMS will continue the Student Improvement Awards Program by providing incentives and rewards for improved MAP, SC Ready and SCPASS scores.

Palmetto Silver Award

Chester Middle School was very pleased to receive the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap. Our students, teachers, and parents have worked very hard and diligently to receive this distinguished honor.

Excellence in Academics

The eighth grade students took the PSAT/NMSQ in October, 2015. The scores were used to determine the 2015-2016 Junior Scholars. Four Chester Middle School Students were recognized: Christian Dunlap, Jordan Hinson, Joshua Morgan, and Jacob Reid.

Excellence in Arts

Alexus Brown's artwork was selected to be a portion a mural compilation at Chester Farmer's Market. Alexis along with Carmen Graham, Brooklyn Sloan, Jourdan Ward-Simpson, and Janay Martin were invited to help paint the mural.

The band students performed at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment and Festival at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Many of the band students received excellent and superior ratings at the SCBDA Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Excellence in Athletics

The CMS Football team was 5-1 and won the Battle of the Boarder trophy over Fairfield. The girls' basketball team did very well winning all, but one game during the conference.



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School Summary Report 2015-2016



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Chester County School District

Cedrick R. Tidwell, Principal

Purpose of Report

This report is provided to inform parents of the mission, goals, and growth of the 2015-2016 school year for Chester Middle School.

Mission Statement

The mission of Chester Middle School, through collaboration with all stakeholders, is to foster a commitment to academic excellence by holistically developing students in a safe, nurturing environment and by preparing them for an advanced technological society. The faculty and staff are committed to improving the quality of life for self and others.

Our School Today

- Currently, Chester Middle School has 567 students enrolled.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2015-2016 school year was 95.3%.
- State of South Carolina School Report Card
Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.
- PTO Officers
 - Carolyn Coleman President
 - Kristen Jackson Secretary/Treasurer
- Improvement Council Members
 - Amy Wright..... Chair/Parent
 - James Simpson..... Teacher
 - Kim Simpson Teacher
 - Cedrick Tidwell.....Principal
 - Sheka Houston..... Assistant Principal
 - D'Angelo Edwards Assistant Principal
 - Crystal Murphy Parent
 - Michael Fanning Community Member
 - Tammy Taylor Community Member

School Improvement Goals 2015-2016

- ☐ Increase parent involvement
- ☐ Increase student achievement in all areas
- ☐ Implement RTI in reading.
- ☐ Continue Reading Intervention during elective classes
- ☐ Focus on literacy as school improvement tool.
- ☐ Implement reading strategies in all core content classes
- ☐ Improve and enhance PBIS school wide

Improvement Goal Progress

Completed:

- ☒ 7 of the 7 above stated goals have been implemented.



School Improvement Goals 2016-2017

- ☐ Implement the requirements for Read to Succeed.
- ☐ Continue to increase student achievement in all areas by effectively using data
- ☐ Continue to increase parent involvement
- ☐ Increase House Meetings and Activities
- ☐ Implement classroom transformations
- ☐ Increase student engagement by using high interest technology integration activities.
- ☐ Implement a mentoring program for girls.
- ☐ Improve the appearance of the school and classrooms with murals etc.
- ☐ Increase the elective course offerings to include dance and foreign language

