

Curriculum and Instruction

This year the focus at CMS has been on literacy. Each classroom has a library of 150 books that are on individual student's reading levels. Students have 20 minutes each day for independent, self-selected reading. Teachers have been trained to assess students reading levels and to help them set personal reading improvement goals. Students are assessed twice during the year-in fall and spring-and if needed, receive reading and comprehension support in special intervention classes.

MAP Test Results

Reading

Total # of students tested- Spring.....	563
Total # of students who made gains.....	276
Total % of gains.....	49%

Math

Total # of students tested- Spring	562
Total # of students who made gains	277
Total % of gains	49%

We hope that students will improve in their test-taking strategies and strive to impress upon them the importance of these assessments as instructional tools. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have questions.

School Sponsored Student Activities

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

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 and SCPASS scores.

Academic Challenge Team

The Academic Challenge Team had a fantastic season. Both teams played in at least eight matches and were part of the "Big School" league. The seventh grade team finished the season ranked second in the Big School division. The seventh grade team had a second round buy-in at the regional championship, which was held at USC-Lancaster. Seventh grade team members included Jacobe Reid, Jordan Hinson, Jackson Gibson, Tim McMurray, Brooklyn Sloan, Madison Hudson, Jasmine Crank, Alexis Brown, TaRajay Bowie, and Christian Dunlap.

Excellence in the Arts

The CMS 7th and 8th grade Concert Band received an excellent rating for their performance at the South Carolina Band Director's Association Music Performance Assessment for the third year in a row.

The following students were selected to be in the Superintendent's Art Show:

Akosua Muhammad, Gage Herr, James Laws Zachary Laws, Brandon Stapleton, Shydestiny Dunham, Jourdan Ward-Simpson, Alexis Brown Majestic Colvin, Margie Jackson, Hayden (Savannah) Jacobs, Robert Joseph Mitchell Cole Taylor, Jaila Young, and Tydarius Good. **Zachary Laws won first place and Cole Taylor took second.**

Excellence in Athletics

The CMS football team had an undefeated season and was the Wateree River Athletic Conference champion. The girls' basketball team was also the Wateree River Athletic Conference champion. The boys' basketball team had an undefeated season and was the DR Hill Middle School Christmas Tournament Champion. The team was the regular season and tournament champions of the Wateree River Athletic Conference. In wrestling, Terrance Mills and Dustin Helms were Wateree River Athletic Conference Champions and state championship qualifiers.



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School Summary Report 2014-2015



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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 2013-2014 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 595 students enrolled.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2014-2015 school year was 95.3%.
- State of South Carolina School Report Card
2014 Absolute Rating Below Average
2014 Growth Rating Average
- PTO Officers
Carolyn Coleman President
Kentrell Fields..... Secretary/Treasurer
- Improvement Council Members
Wendy Lawson..... Chair/Parent
James Simpson..... Teacher
Kim Simpson Teacher
Cedrick Tidwell.....Principal
Sheka Houston..... Assistant Principal
D'Angelo Edwards Assistant Principal
Lynta Mapp..... Parent
Michael Fanning Community Member
Tammy Taylor Community Member

School Improvement Goals 2014-2015

- ☐ Increase parent involvement
- ☐ Increase student achievement by utilizing Response to Intervention in Math
- ☐ Increase student activity during lunch by improving the courtyard
- ☐ Beautify the school hallways with murals
- ☐ Implement PBIS as a School-Wide Discipline Plan

Improvement Goal Progress

Completed:

- ☒ 3 of the 5 above stated goals have been implemented.

In Progress:

- ☐ Increase parent involvement.
- ☐ Increase student achievement.



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

