

## Curriculum and Instruction

This year our focus at CMS has been devoted towards instilling the Leader in Me values in the students and staff. We have continued to engage students in STEAM lessons and project-based learning. Students have had 1 to 1 technology access available in every classroom. We continued to implement BLAST as an academic enrichment for students who were performing on or above grade level based on their MAP scores. Response to Intervention (RTI) was implemented through reading and math to meet the needs of students who were struggling in specific areas according to MAP data.

### MAP Test Results

#### Reading

Total # of students tested- Spring.....567  
Total # of students who made gains..... 273  
Total % of gains..... 48%

#### Math

Total # of students tested- Spring .....566  
Total # of students who made gains .....310  
Total % of gains .....55%

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 regarding MAP testing.

### School Sponsored Student Activities

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| ▪ House Showcase/ activities    | ▪ Academic Challenge Team              |
| ▪ Leader in Me Leadership Roles | ▪ GiTi Tire Club                       |
| ▪ Homecoming                    | ▪ Girls on the Run                     |
| ▪ Week                          | ▪ King/Queen                           |
| ▪ Mock Trial                    | ▪ Pageant                              |
|                                 | ▪ 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social         |
|                                 | ▪ Intramural activities through Houses |

### Student Academic Awards

CMS believes in rewarding students for hard work and dedication. Students receive awards for Perfect Attendance, Most Improved, 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.

### Excellence in Academics

The eighth grade students took the PSAT/NMSQ in October, 2018. The scores were used to determine the 2018-2019 Junior Scholars. Chester Middle School had 3 students that were chosen. One student was also a Duke TIP Scholar. The scores from the SAT/ACT were used to determine who was a Duke TIP Scholar.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade academic challenge team finished 5<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade finished 5<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the region.

CMS also had a Mock Trial Team again this year and attended the regional competition in Lexington, SC at the Westbrook Courthouse. Two students were recognized as Most Effective Attorneys. Three students were recognized as Most Effective Witnesses.

CMS sponsored the GiTi Tire Team and competed in the GiTi Tire Competition. The team had 7 students.

### Excellence in Arts

Fourteen students were entered into the Superintendent's Art Show and Chester Middle School students' won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the show.

The band students performed at S.T.E.A.M. Day, School House Rock musical and the Fine Arts nights.



## School Summary Report 2018-2019



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## Purpose of Report

This report is provided to inform parents of the mission, goals, and growth of the 2018-2019 school year for Chester Middle School.

## Mission Statement

Chester Middle School's mission is to prepare student leaders to be college and career ready for success in a global society.

## Vision Statement

STEAM: Lead: Succeed

At Chester Middle School we engage students with STEAM, cultivate leaders through Leader in Me, and we succeed with the integration of AVID strategies (advancement via individual determination).

## Our School Today

- Currently, Chester Middle School has approximately 585 students enrolled.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2018-2019 school year was 92.9%.

- PTO Officers  
Dana Williams ..... Treasurer  
Kayla Roach ..... Parent
- Improvement Council Members  
Dee Dee Hinton ..... Chair/Community Member  
Robin Wilson-Goforth ..... Secretary  
Margie Shillinglaw ..... Teacher  
Melissa Giles ..... Teacher  
Sheka Houston ..... Principal  
Suzanne Hough ..... Assistant Principal  
Ortega Missouri ..... Assistant Principal  
Estelle Stevenson ..... Parent  
Abigail Phillips ..... Community Member  
Octavia Foster ..... Parent  
Miranda Mayfield ..... Parent  
Farrah Brown ..... Other  
Members can be contacted at 803-377-8192

## Excellence in Athletics

The CMS Football team was 3-3 in their division for the 2018-2019 school year.

The girls' basketball team did very well during the season. They were 7-4 and the conference runner-up this year.

The boys' basketball team finished the season 7-4. They were also conference runner-up this year.

The CMS Wrestling Team had two boys to make it to State this year.

The CMS Cheerleaders had a very successful year as well during the 2018-2019 season.



## School Improvement Goals 2018-2019

- ☐ Implementation of My Classroom Economy
- ☐ 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 community involvement in the school
- ☐ Increase House Meetings and Activities
- ☐ Increase student engagement by using high interest technology integration, STEAM, and PBL activities.
- ☐ Increase the elective course offerings to include drama and foreign language

## Improvement Goal Progress

Completed:

- ☒ 7.5 of the 8 above stated goals have been implemented.
- ☒ World Languages will be offered to 8<sup>th</sup> graders next year and we implemented a drama club.

## School Improvement Goals 2019-2020

- ☐ Utilize My Classroom Economy as the PBIS Rewards System.
- ☐ Use the extended class periods for Read to Succeed Requirements.
- ☐ Continue to increase student achievement in all areas by effectively using data
- ☐ Extend parent interaction activities to include community crawls and video conferences.
- ☐ Implement Leader in Me through non tested core area since there will be increased time.
- ☐ Increase student engagement by using Keagan strategies, STEAM, and PBL activities.
- ☐ Increase the elective course offerings to include drama and foreign language.

