

## School Achievements

Jr. National Beta Club  
Outstanding Leadership and National  
Qualifier

ASCEND Program identified 80 eighth  
graders interested in career readiness for  
opportunities with local businesses

Three Teachers earned the Social Studies  
and Literacy Grant

Robotics Club received \$5,000 grants from  
Sonoco Products and the Darlington County  
Education Foundation

Math teachers participated in OGAP  
Professional Development to build  
instructional capacity

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders completed the myOptions  
College & Career Planning Program

HMS Principal and Coordinating Teachers  
presented at the AMLE Conference

Community Involvement with Hartsville  
Ministerial Alliance, Hartsville City Council,  
YMCA, United Way, Retreat at Carolina  
Bay, Darlington County Humane Society,  
Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi, &  
American Heart Association

Recipient of Carolina Family Engagement  
Center Grant through USC College of  
Education for 2024-2025

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## Hartsville Middle School SIC Members

### Parent Members

*Chair: Brandy Watford, Parent*  
*Britney Brisbon, Parent*

### Community Members

*Leslie Jerman*  
*Steve Roos*  
*Al Taylor*

### Teachers Members

*Jackie Coker*  
*Dakota Goff*  
*Lara Grantham*  
*Katena McDonald*

### Ex-Officio

*Principal: Dr. Katrina James*  
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**SIC members can be reached at  
(843) 857-3000**

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### Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Hartsville Middle  
School SIC in accordance with South  
Carolina 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.*

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## Hartsville Middle School Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2023-2024



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### Mission Statement

Our mission, in partnership with families  
and the community, is to foster a safe  
learning environment by empowering  
ALL students to engage in authentic,  
rigorous, and relevant experiences.

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## SIC Annual Goals

Based on the HMS five-year School Renewal Plan, the following goals have been established:

- Increase the percentage of students who meet grade level expectations by 5% each year using a unified instructional model
- Increase teacher retention by 3% each academic year through a focus on a positive workplace
- Increase parent satisfaction responses regarding the learning environment by 5% each academic year by strengthening external communication

The following actions were taken by the SIC:

- EDI and Children of Poverty professional development has been implemented through PLC this year.
- Each month there has been a staff-centered activity to increase positivity in the workplace including celebrations and various game-like challenges.
- Weekly communication is sent to parents using Parentlink and an opportunity for parent engagement has occurred each semester.

## Student Achievement

- We have shown growth in both Reading and Math from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024 test administrations. The percentage of students at Met or Above in Reading increased by 6% from Fall to Spring. The percentage of students at Met or Above increased by 2% from Fall to Spring.
- 6 Students Junior Scholars
- 3 Perfect Scores on SCREADY Math
- Academic Challenge Team Runner-Up for Region
- First Chair Tuba Region 5 Band
- Jazz Ensemble SUPERIOR Rating
- Volleyball Pee Dee Region Champions (7<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)
- Our 2022-2023 Overall Rating on the School report card was GOOD with a Support Status of ATSI. We grew from BELOW AVERAGE for the 2021-2022 Overall Rating. *For more information, you may view Hartsville Middle School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online*  
<https://screportcards.com/overview/>

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## Additional Information

We are a rural school with grades 6-8 serving 869 students. We offer Honors classes in the areas of Visual Art, Band, Chorus, and Dance.

Our dedicated team of teachers and staff are passionate about their roles as mentors, educators, and guides, and they are fully dedicated to supporting your child's growth and development.

We understand the importance of open and transparent communication between the school and our student families. We value your involvement and encourage you to actively participate in your child's education. Our school website, social media page, and Parentlink (calls, emails, and texts) will provide you with up-to-date information about school events, important dates, and other resources.

### Our Values

- ♥ **Honor** - demonstrating high respect for someone
- ♥ **Empathy** - the ability to understand and share the feelings of another
- ♥ **Accountability** - accepting responsibility for our actions
- ♥ **Respect** - recognizing and appreciating the value in others
- ♥ **Team Player** - someone who is good

**"WE PUT THE ♥ IN HARTSVILLE"**