

**Jackson Middle School**  
**“A Small school, making BIG steps”**

**Annual Report to Parents**  
**2011-2012**

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**Jackson Middle School Mission Statement**

Our mission is to successfully guide each child to his or her maximum intellectual, personal, social, and physical development in partnership with the home and community.

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### **Improvement Needs and Goals for 2011-2012**

- 1. Continue to work towards eliminating the differences in test scores among our students based on race, gender, and socio-economic groups.**
- 2. Increase parental involvement to promote learning in the home as well as ease the transition from middle school to high school.**
- 3. Strive for every teacher to be certified and highly qualified with the middle school endorsement.**
- 4. Promote increased home/school/community interaction to improve student achievement.**
- 5. Increase test score gains to show that students have progressed an entire grade level.**
- 6. To prepare our students socially and academically for high school in efforts to excel in a global market.**

## **Accomplishments for 2011-2012**

- Jackson Middle School will take the GT & Honor Roll students to New York City.
- Jackson Middle School maintained “Average” Growth Rating and maintained “Average” on the Absolute Rating.
- Faculty and staff participated in and conducted staff development to enhance instruction and success at Jackson Middle.
- Continued improvement in school-wide discipline through positive reinforcements (MAP, good behavior, and A,B honor roll Hops, incentives for improvement on MAP scores, and honor roll recognitions).
- Increased Junior Scholars from one in 2010-2011 to four in 2011-2012.
- Archie Harden, Laquasia Cummings, Jonathan Metts, and Lydia Hicks were recognized as Junior Scholars.
- Eighth grade class went on a College Tour to the University of South Carolina and South Carolina State University.
- The JMS Concert Band competed in the Charleston Concert Band Festival and received an Excellent rating.
- Jackson Middle School has seven Silver Spirit Marchers, twenty-four students made Aiken All-County Band, ten students made all region band.
- Jackson Middle School Bull Pups Football Team 2011-2012 Conference Champions.
- Jackson Middle School Indians Boys Basketball Team 2011-2012 Conference Champions.
- The PTO sponsored several successful fundraisers for school improvement and staff/student incentives.
- Jackson Middle School had a (PASS Night) to celebrate student success on PASS testing.
- Construction of a new cafeteria is underway.
- PTO purchased supplies for the school and sponsored the annual Awards Day Ceremony.

## **Jackson Middle School**

Enrollment	331
Number of Teachers	21
School Mascot	Indians
School Colors	Red and Black

### **From the Principal and the School Improvement Council**

*The faculty and staff of Jackson Middle School strive to provide a nurturing and inviting environment which fosters strong educational performances for our students. We are dedicated to each individual student reaching their potential through structured educational practices. We encourage our parents to become active participants in the lives and education of their students. With continued support and encouragement from the parents and community students will not only be able to reach their potential, but far exceed it. As a faculty and staff we appreciate the continued support and motivation shown this school year and welcome the participation of those with an interest in enhancing the lives of children.*

#### ***Earl L. Ishmal III, Principal***

*The School Improvement Council has been instrumental in helping the administration and staff at Jackson Middle School as they establish an environment which is conducive to the learning styles of each student. The programs and procedures provide the nurturing skills needed to assist the students with developing into well rounded individuals. This year we have exceeded our expectations with the assistance of parents and community members. I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone involved. By voicing your opinions you have helped Jackson Middle School in it's progression to being one of the best schools in this district.*

#### ***Sylvia Campbell, SIC Chairman***

**Jackson Middle School has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for year 2011-2012.**