

Our community chose the Tiger as our mascot for its qualities of **strength**, **courage**, and the **ability to adapt**. Each day, the Tiger reminds us to persist in our learning, to boldly face challenges, and to innovate.



*Congratulations*

Claire Dixon  
**Teacher of the Year**

Julia Melendy  
**Rookie Teacher of the Year**

The Entire Counseling Department  
**School Counselor of the Year**

Elaine Kennedy  
**Star Performer of the Year**

Overall Rating:  
**GOOD**

## AMS VISION

Alston Middle School will be recognized as a "World Class" school, in which partnerships with parents and the community provide each student an individualized, well-rounded education within a nurturing, safe, and creative environment that inspires each child to reach his or her full potential.

## SIC GOALS

- \* To increase teacher morale.
- \* To increase parent involvement in school activities.

## SIC MEMBERS

- \* Michelle Leviner, Administrator
- \* Beth Fiorito, Administrator
- \* Gabriella Knauss, Teacher (Chairperson)
- \* Ginny Stone, Teacher
- \* Kaetlin Bowling, Teacher
- \* MaryEllen Foster, Parent (Secretary)
- \* Jennifer Santmyer, Parent
- \* Latricia Scott, Community Member
- \* Amanda Leviner, Community Member

## FAST FACTS

- \* School Enrollment: 849
- \* Number of Certified Teachers: 59
- \* Percentage of Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees: 41.9%
- \* Percentage of Teachers Returning: 93.5%
- \* Percentage of Students Satisfied with School-Home Relations: 92.5%
- \* Percentage of Teachers Satisfied with Social and Physical Environment: 98.1%
- \* Poverty Index: 60.6%

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS  
2022-2023

# ALSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### AMS Mission

Alston Middle School exists to provide all students with the skills and opportunities to become productive citizens.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Alston Middle School—home of the Tigers! In a community full of tradition, it is an honor to join this school and its Fine Arts Program where creative, visual and performing arts are part of the core academic curriculum. The mission of Alston Middle School is to provide all students with the skills and opportunities to become productive citizens. We believe in a renaissance opportunity for our students, which is composed of strong academic rigor incorporated with a core fine arts program. Each day, our teachers have an opportunity to work with our students, the leaders of tomorrow, to guide them to become the very best that they can be.

Established in 1910, the original Alston campus was one of the first African American schools founded in our county. Original school records, athletic and academic accolades are still held within the walls of the current school. Alston, working with the local community and Alston High graduates, continues to work to collect stories and artifacts to preserve this historical landmark.

As an arts infused middle school, AMS has developed a tradition of pride and excellence in all areas. Alston students select a fine arts core upon enrolling at Alston Middle School and receive high school credit in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year upon successful completion of the course. Those courses include art, chorus, piano, band, dance, orchestra and theater. Alston also offers enrichment courses within the related arts of stem, physical education, business and foreign language.

As we go into the 2023-2024 school year, I am proud of the accomplishments achieved through the hard work and dedication of our staff and most importantly, our students. It is our mission to collaborate with parents and the community to provide each student an individualized, well-rounded education within a nurturing, safe, and creative environment that inspires each child to reach his or her full potential.

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- \* **AMS TOY** named one of five district Honor Teachers for Dorchester District 2.
- \* 10 students participated in the 2021 Regional **MATHCOUNTS** Charleston Chapter competition for 6-8 grades.
- \* 6 students advanced to the district **Spelling Bee**.
- \* 2 district winners in the **PTSA Reflections** competition.
- \* 3 students competed in the **Vex Robotics** competition and won “best robot design.”
- \* 7th & 8th grade chorus students earned a “superior” rating at the **SC Choral Performance Assessment**.
- \* 1 student auditioned and made the **All-State Band**.
- \* 3 students auditioned and made the **All-Region Band**.
- \* 7th & 8th grade band students received an “excellent” rating at the **SC Concert Performance Assessment**.
- \* 4 students qualified for the **state wrestling** tournament.
- \* 4 students auditioned and made the **Summerville Youth Orchestra**.
- \* 7th & 8th grade orchestra students earned a “fair” rating at the **SC Orchestra Performance Assessment**.
- \* Students participated in the Kids Heart Challenge and Hoops for Heart to raise money for the **American Heart Association**.
- \* Raised funds for the **Relay for Life**.

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- \* Recipient of the **DAP grant** to support the incorporation of fine arts.
- \* 4 teachers received the **Bosch BESTeacher Grant**.
- \* STEM and PE classes are revitalizing the **school garden**.
- \* Hosted 2 **blood drives** and a **family bingo night**.
- \* **Health and wellness** received the annual award from the district and MUSC for completing the wellness checklist.



## CORE VALUES

	<b>STUDENTS</b> CHILDREN COME FIRST	T E A M
	<b>PASSION</b> LOVE WHAT YOU DO	
	<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b> IT BEGINS WITH ME	
	<b>INTEGRITY</b> DO WHAT'S RIGHT	
	<b>COMMUNITY</b> STAND UNITED	D O R C H E S T E R
	<b>EXCELLENCE</b> BE YOUR BEST	
	<b>RELATIONSHIPS</b> BUILD A FOUNDATION OF TRUST	H E S T E R
	<b>DIVERSITY</b> INCLUSIVE OF ALL	
	<b>LEADERSHIP</b> INSPIRE & EMPOWER	
	<b>RECOGNITION</b> APPRECIATE & CELEBRATE	R