

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

Genie Osborn
Teacher of the Year

Spenser Scott
Rookie Teacher of the Year

David Simmons
School Counselor of the Year

Paula Trout
Star Performer of the Year



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 build a sense of community in the classroom and school pride.
- * To increase parent involvement through parent workshops and events.

2018-2019 SIC MEMBERS

- * Michelle Leviner, Administrator
- * Beth Fiorito, Administrator
- * Jessica House, Teacher (Chairperson)
- * Tanya Timmons, Parent (Co-Chair)
- * Molly Wier, Parent (Secretary)
- * Crystal Rohde, Teacher
- * Wende Kintner, Parent
- * William Reeves, Community Member
- * Ashley Wimberly, Community Member

FAST FACTS

- * School Enrollment: 767
- * Number of Certified Staff: 61
- * Percentage of Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees: 59%
- * Average Number of Years of Teaching Experience: 11 years
- * Percentage of Students Receiving Subsidized Meals: 55%

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS
2018-2019

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. Using the Alston High Alma Mater as an inspiration, our Fine Arts department developed and incorporated an Alston Middle School Alma Mater which is sung at school events and weekly during morning announcements.

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 8th 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 2019-2020 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

- * 2 teams named a Tri-County semi-finalist in the **Dimension U** Competition.
- * Received the **Engaging Creative Minds** grant, the **Distinguished Arts** grant, and the **MET Opera** grant to support arts infusion.
- * Both the **Symphonic Band** and the **Concert Band** received an overall "Excellent" rating at the annual SCBDA CPA Event.
- * **Honors Choir** scored a Superior in sight-reading at the SCMEA Choral Assessment.
- * **Honors Choir** scored a Superior rating in prepared-performance at the SCMEA Choral Competition.
- * 1 piano student selected to play for the **DD2 Honors Recital**.
- * 21 vocal students selected to represent AMS in the **DD2 Honors Choir**.
- * **AMS String Orchestra** earned a rating of Excellent at the annual SCMEA orchestra division's CPA event.
- * Partnered with Annex Dance Company and performed at the **District Dance Showcase**.
- * 66 students were inducted into DD2's first and only middle school **National Junior Honor Society**.
- * 2 district **Spelling Bee** winners competed in the Low-country SpellingBound competition.
- * 1 student named semi-finalist in the **State Geography Bee** sponsored by the National Geographic Society.
- * 18 school winners, 7 district winners, and 3 state winners in the **PTSA Reflections** competition.
- * 2 students' artwork added to the **Board of Trustees' permanent collection**.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- * Partnered with **iSTEMS** to incorporate STEM activities into the ELA, Math, and Science curriculums.
- * Partnered with **"Fresh for All"** to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to our local community.
- * The **Health and Wellness Committee** placed 1st in the MUSC/Boeing Health and Wellness Initiative and received the national silver award for the Alliance of a Healthier Generation.

ALMA MATER

Hear us roar for we are Alston
 Rich in history
 Knowledge comes to all who enters
 Knowledge makes us free
 Alston Tigers proudly marching
 Watch us as we stride
 Roaring to success everyday
 Filled with Tiger Pride

CORE VALUES

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