

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

Ginny Stone
Teacher of the Year

Matthew Miller
Rookie Teacher of the Year

David Simmons
School Counselor of the Year

Natalie Hilton
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 virtual meetings and conferences.

SIC MEMBERS

- * Michelle Leviner, Administrator
- * Beth Fiorito, Administrator
- * Gabriella Knauss, Teacher (Chairperson)
- * Ariana Mitchell, Teacher
- * Kaetlin Bowling, Teacher
- * Samantha Hoffman, Teacher
- * Katherine Deal, Parent (Secretary)
- * Denyse Lincoln, Parent
- * Latricia Scott, Community Member
- * Amanda Leviner, Community Member
- * Roger Wnek, Community Member

FAST FACTS

- * School Enrollment: 975
- * Number of Certified Teachers: 60
- * Percentage of Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees: 50%
- * Percentage of Teachers Returning: 93.5%
- * Percentage of Students Satisfied with the Learning environment: 92.7%
- * Poverty index: 49%

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS
2021-2022

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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 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 wrap up the 2021-2022 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

- * 4 students participated in the 2021 Regional **MATHCOUNTS** Charleston Chapter competition for 6-8 grades. 2 students placed in the top 25.
- * 1 district **Spelling Bee** winner qualified in the Lowcountry SpellBound competition.
- * 2 district winners in the **PTSA Reflections** competition.
- * 2 students qualified for nationals in the International **Geography Bee**.
- * 2 art students received awards from the **Lions Club** for placing in their annual Peace Poster contest.
- * 3 students competed in the **Vex Robotics** competition and won “best design.”
- * 7th & 8th grade chorus students earned a “superior” rating at the **SC Choral Performance Assessment**.
- * 7 band students qualified for the **SCBDA Region 4 Honor Band**.
- * 1 student received an **All-State** call back for band.
- * 2 excellent ratings at **SC Band Directors Association** concert performance assessment.
- * 6 students named “**master musicians**.”
- * 2 students qualified for the **state wrestling** tournament.
- * 2 students placed in the SC high school league 5A **Girls Swim** State Championship.
- * **AMS TOY** named one of five district Honor Teachers for Dorchester District 2.
- * AMS chorus teacher asked to sing at **Carnegie**

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- * Partnered with Volvo, Boeing, AI Nautics, CLAIRA the AI Robot, Google, Amazon, and Bosch to host 6 **EPIC Seminars**.
- * The **Health and Wellness Committee** named finalist the MUSC/Boeing Health and Wellness Initiative.
- * Recipient of the **DAP grant** to support the incorporation of fine arts.
- * 1 STEM teacher received the **Boeing Innovation** grant.
- * Hosted a **Holocaust speaker** who met with and shared personal stories and experiences with students.



CORE VALUES

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