

## School Highlights

### Career Exploration

Our Career Classes teach young learners how to set career goals and create an education roadmap for achieving those goals. Career classes culminate in students participating in job interviews.

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### Extracurricular Activities

#### Academic:

Academic Challenge Team  
Girl Code  
National Junior Beta Club  
Student Government Association  
Young Men of Character  
Delta Academy

#### Athletics:

Baseball  
Basketball  
Bass Fishing  
Fellowship of Christian  
Athletes Football  
Soccer  
Volleyball

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## Southside Middle School SIC Members

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*Aime Hayes, Parent*  
*Abram Sanders, Parent*  
*Jeremy Williams, Parent*  
*Michael Davis, Parent*  
*Jessica Moore, Teacher*  
*Connie Nesmith, Teacher*  
*Stacy Coleman, Community Member*  
*Kelly King, Community Member*  
*Tara Nelson, Community Member*  
*Assistant Principal: Talia Dukes*  
*Principal: Jeffery Gaines*

### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the School Improvement Council 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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# Southside Middle School



## School Improvement Council Annual Report to the Parents

**2020-2021**

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*Cultivating Today's Learners, To Become  
Tomorrow's Leaders!*

## SIC Annual Goal

Southside Middle's School Improvement Council's goal for the school year has been derived from the five-year School Improvement Plan.

### Goals

Increase the percentage of students scoring meet or above on SC READY ELA to 60% by June 2023.

Increase the percentage of students scoring meets or above on SC READY Mathematics to 51 % by June 2023.

By May of 2021, student discipline referrals to the office will decrease by 10% each school year according to ABE.

### How We Are Meeting This Goal:

Hire two Math Interventionists in an effort to ensure that students are able to master grade level standards and skills.

Hire 1.0 FTE ELA teacher to work with identified bubble students in an effort to ensure at least a year's growth.

Hire a Virtual Learning Coordinator to facilitate all virtual learning platforms.

Professional development on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for all teachers.

## Student Achievement

Orchestra, Theatre, and Chorus performed at the FMU PAC Amphitheatre in November and the Chorus will perform again on April 24.

Zabriah Burks was accepted and will attend the summer theatre program and the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

SCEA statewide art/photo contest:  
First Place, Second Place, Third Place and three Honorable Mentions

Chloe Broadwell: SCEA Read Across South Carolina Art Contest Honorable Mention

Blue Notes and Vocal Honors chorus students participated in the SC ACDA (SC American Choral Directors Association) Virtual Project of "While I Breathe I Hope"

*"For more information, you may view Southside Middle School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*

## Noteworthy

### Distinguished Arts Program

Southside Middle School is proud to be home to the FIS Fine Arts Academy featuring visual and performing arts. Highlights and opportunities include participation in band, guitar, piano lab, orchestra, photography, dance, theater, the Blue Note Performing Choral Group, and an array of visual arts programs.

### AdvancED STEM Certified & Project Lead the Way

Southside Middle School is an AdvancED STEM certified school offering a variety of Project Lead the Way courses, including robotics, medical detectives, fundamentals of computing, and design and modeling.

### SSMS Junior Scholars

Joseph Galeano  
Helena Gregory  
Lyrica Myers  
Skye Nutt  
Benjamin O'Dell  
Emma Salyer  
Cohen Springs  
Krystian Taylor  
Avery Thompson  
Ciara Tolley  
.Layton Welch