

# **SOUTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



## **ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO PARENTS  
2021-2022**

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# SOUTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Our school is helping all students develop the world-class skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by:

- Engaging our students in critical thinking skills through innovative learning opportunities
- Encouraging students to create, design, and implement new ideas
- Challenging our students to set goals and follow through with action planning
- Focusing on rigorous teaching and learning opportunities in all areas of the curriculum

An Arts Infused middle school, many of our students take advantage of our Fine Arts and Technology Academy that includes opportunities in creative writing, dance, instrumental music (band, guitar, orchestra, and piano), media arts, photography, technology, theatre arts, visual arts, and vocal music. Southside Middle School emphasizes cross-curricular collaboration with the goal of providing our students with a rich, diverse educational experience. We also have numerous extracurricular opportunities for students to further explore their academic and personal interests. Our athletics program is an integral part of our school where students learn the value of teamwork, goal setting, and perseverance. It is our mission to prepare our students to be successful both in and out of the classroom by providing them with solid academic experiences and diverse learning opportunities in an environment which focuses on having all students become creative thinkers who are prepared to compete in a global society.

Our Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses include design and modeling, medical detectives, and robotics. Our PLTW courses provide our students with the opportunity to explore possible careers in science, engineering, and technology. All of our students are afforded the opportunity to be creative, innovative, and enhance their interpersonal skills.

Southside Middle School continues to lead the way in innovation by providing our students the opportunity to utilize technology both in class and at home through our one to one technology initiative. Our school is in the fourth year of Chromebook integration which provides our students with unique opportunities across the curriculum. Additionally, our school is AdvancED STEM certified.

“Cultivating Today’s Learners to Become Tomorrow’s Leaders!” is the mission of Southside Middle School. As we move forward, our goal is to provide our students with a strong foundation that will pave the way for continued success in our global society.

# PURPOSE, MISSION, & VISION



## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

*"THIS REPORT IS ISSUED BY THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC) 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."*

### Southside Middle School Vision

To mold young minds to be creative, knowledgeable, productive citizens of good character in an ever-changing challenging world.

### Southside Middle School Mission

"Cultivating Today's Learners to Become Tomorrow's Leaders!"

# PURPOSE, VISION, & MISSION

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## SIC Annual Goal

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

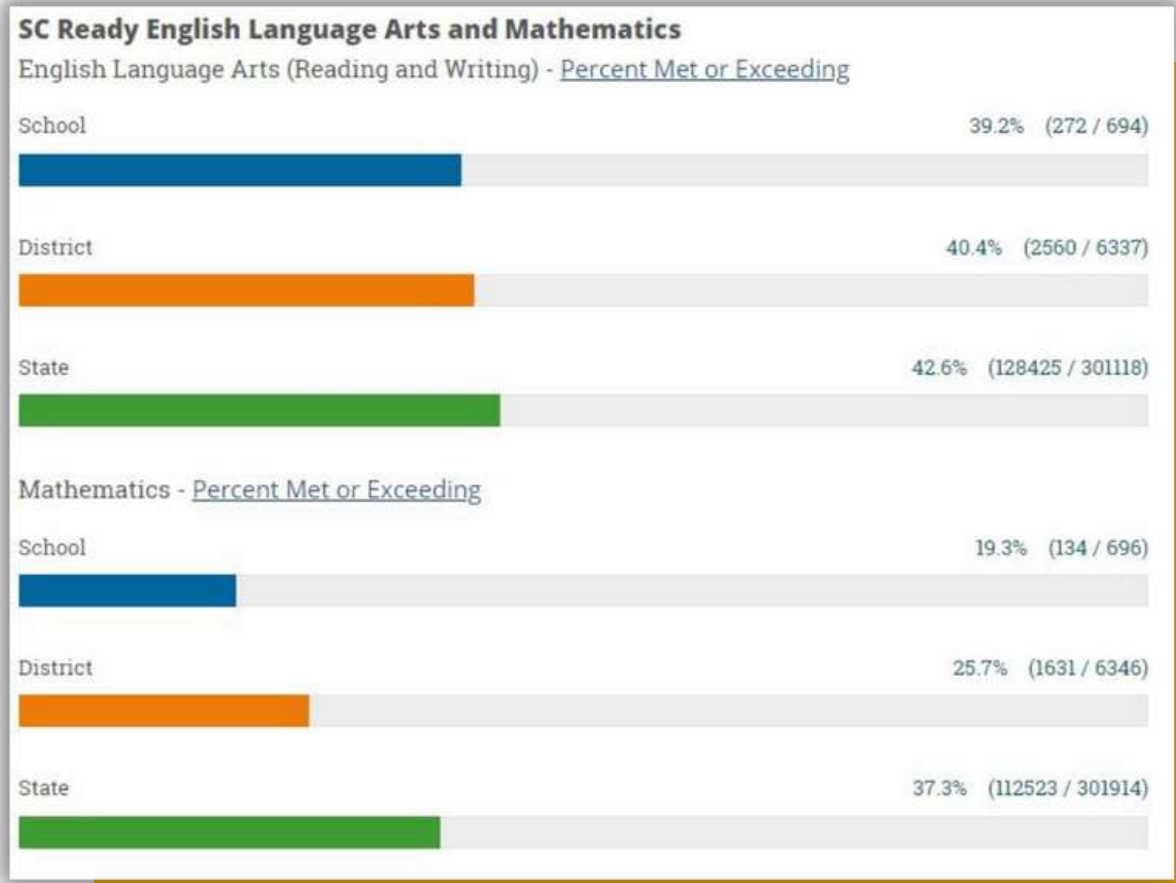
## How We Are Meeting This Goal:

- Assist with providing parents/guardians with opportunities to discuss testing data throughout the year.
  - Collaborating with families and community groups to provide volunteers to assist all readers and writers.
  - Providing opportunities for parents to be participants in understanding Text Dependent Analysis through the school's Literacy Night through Title 1.
  - Identifying potential community partners and inviting them to participate in specific identified activities.





# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE DATA



## SCREADY 2021

MATH SOUTHSIDE	# of student tested	% Scoring DOES NOT MEET		% Scoring APPROACHES		% Scoring MEETS		% Scoring EXCEEDS		2021 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2019 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2018 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	DIFFERENCE 2019-2021
7	352	172	48.86%	101	28.69%	37	10.51%	33	9.38%	19.89%	23.20%	20.80%	-3.31%
8	377	199	52.79%	108	28.65%	41	10.88%	18	4.77%	15.65%	23.39%	16.20%	-7.74%
ELA SOUTHSIDE	# of student tested	% Scoring DOES NOT MEET		% Scoring APPROACHES		% Scoring MEETS		% Scoring EXCEEDS		2021 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2019 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2018 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	DIFFERENCE 2019-2021
7	352	106	30.11%	112	31.82%	67	19.03%	56	15.91%	34.94%	39.19%	26.90%	
8	377	95	25.20%	124	32.89%	102	27.06%	45	11.94%	38.99%	41.06%	28.50%	-2.06%

# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE DATA



**Southside Middle has been named a  
2022 Beacon School  
by  
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE, INC!**

## Southside Middle School Report Card 2018-2019

ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
ARTS & MATH

AVERAGE

SCIENCE  
& SOCIAL  
STUDIES

AVERAGE

STUDENT  
GROWTH AND  
PROGRESS

GOOD

STUDENT  
ENGAGEMENT

GOOD



Overall,  
performance  
exceeds the  
criteria to ensure  
all students meet  
the Profile of the  
SC Graduate

2018-19 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING

**GOOD**

# SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

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## FALCON ATHLETICS

Southside Middle School offers a variety of sports in which students can participate.

Basketball  
Baseball

Softball  
Volleyball  
Cheerleading

Football  
Soccer



## ACCOLADES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### Football

- Pee Dee Conference & City Champions (2021 & 2022)
- Coach McGee was named Coach of the Year

### Basketball

- Southside Girls placed 2nd in the City Tournament

### Soccer

- Southside Girls won the Pee Dee Conference & City Championship (2022)
- Coach Merkel was named Coach of the Year



# SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

## ARTS MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL



### Southside Middle School is an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) School of Distinction.

The Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Project provides leadership to achieve quality, comprehensive arts education (dance, music, media arts, theatre, visual arts and creative writing) for all students in South Carolina.

Southside current offers the following programs:

- Art
- Keyboarding
- Piano
- Guitar
- Theater
- Chorus
- Band
- Dance

- 16 Photography students have work on display at Artfields 2022.
- 8 Photography students won places in the Atlantic Institute Art contest.
- 6 Photography student winners in the South Carolina Education Association (SCEA) in the Arts contest. Our students earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places and three honorable mentions.
- Southside Middle School is a Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) School.



# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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## MAKERSPACE AND FALCON BOOK CLUB

Southside hosts a student and teacher book club. We meet twice a month. We vote on a category, then students and staff choose a book they want. This allows us to explore genres we typically wouldn't, such as poetry or graphic novels.

Southside also has Maker Space, where students begin the fundamentals of coding. There is also a Maker Space table set up in the library that all students can use. We range it from arts and crafts, to puzzles, the games, etc. it allows all that visit a brain break. This one is a sticker mosaic. The student got to add a tile when they checked out a book. They love guessing at what it could be. The final result is always cool.



## SOUTHSIDE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM

The Academic Challenge Team placed third overall in the entire Pee Dee Region.



# ADDITIONAL CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## Career Exploration

Our Career Classes teach young learners how to set career goals and create an education roadmap for achieving those goals. Courses explore 16 career clusters, and students create personal portfolios and resumes, in addition to completing job applications.

Career classes culminate in students participating in job interviews.



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

Falcon News Network  
Future Business Leaders of America  
FCA  
Recycling Club  
National Junior Honor Society  
Yearbook  
Fuel up to Play 60



# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

THESE ARE THE INDIVIDUALS  
WHO MAKE UP THE SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL FOR  
SOUTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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