

School Achievements

2023-2024 Teacher of the Year
Erica Robinson-Scott

2022-2023 Rookie Teacher of the Year
Jessica Abercrombie

Jr. Academic Bowl 2nd Place Finish
Celeste Reid & Allyson Bisby (Team Coaches)
Emery Moyer JD Huffstetler David Poston
Chloe Turek Fatima Gutierrez-Torres
Julia Cano Bevan Grant Jasmine Palmer

Students of the Month

September (Leadership)
Emery Moyer, Emili-Payton Ward,
Jasmine Palmer

October (Respect)
Isaac Mullinax, Paul Weirich, Vanesa
Angles-Elias

November (Generosity)
Gabby Gamble, Tyler Hewitt, Stella Welch

January (Determination)
Jonathan Hunter Campbell, Marley Lewis,
Mariyah Jenkins

February (Caring)
Poppi Altman, Lucyla Lux-Herrera,
Micah Anderson

GMS Band

*Earned a Superior rating from the South
Carolina Band Directors Association
Concert Performance Assessment*

GMS Drama Productions

Fall Performance: The Adams Family
*Spring Performance: How to Host a Murder
Mystery Dinner Party*

Georgetown Middle School SIC Members

Chela Carter, Chair
Alicia O'Donnell, Parent
Urica Brown, Parent
Celeste Reid, Teacher
Rachel Bourne, Teacher
Kevin Langford, Community Member

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Purpose of the Report

*"This Report is issued by the Myschool
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."*

Georgetown Middle School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2022-2023



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"Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow"

The mission of Georgetown Middle School is to provide students with opportunities to become successful and responsible in an ever-changing society. Our goal is to meet the educational needs of our students in a positive environment, while preparing them socially and academically for success in high school.

SIC Annual Goals

As we examined the current climate in education, the GMS SIC determined that parent involvement and school safety were both important goals for the 2022-2023 school year.

Parents were encouraged to participate in school-based activities, including Open House, Curriculum Night, and our Fall Festival, the replacement for the Spring Field Day. We also hosted our inaugural parent book study, with the book *Middle School Matters*, where we studied the behaviors of young adolescents as they approach their middle school years. GMS continued to have amazing turnout in the beginning of the year, but attendance began to taper off in the Spring. The SIC will work to determine ways to invite the parents and students into the school while competing with sports and other community activities.

As with other areas of the country, GMS is constantly working to keep students safe from both internal and external factors. In addition to regularly scheduled drills (fire, active shooter, and weather), we also conduct random metal detector searches several times a week at various entry points. GMS also employs a full-time SRO on campus.

Student Achievement

ELA and math data from SC READY and iReady both indicate that our students average well below grade level expectations and state performance, with math being a greater area of concern. Science data from SCPASS and corresponding components from iReady again indicate a significant difference between Georgetown Middle School's performance and the average for the state of South Carolina.

Of all middle schools in the district, Georgetown Middle School has the highest Special Education numbers as well as the highest number of English Language Learners. We are continuing to work with these subgroups and their unique needs, and hope to see significant growth in each respective area.

For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.

Additional Information

Georgetown Middle School is a Title I school that works with students in grades six through eight, and receives students from four separate feeder schools from around the district. Students receive universal breakfast and lunch. GMS is the largest middle school in Georgetown County School District, with 715 students. Within those 715 students are the following demographics: 48% African-American, 39% Caucasian, 12% Hispanic, 0.6% biracial, 0.1% Asian-American, and 0.2% Hawaiian-Pacific Islander. Additionally, Georgetown Middle School serves 86 English Language learners and 230 students qualify for special education services.

In addition to serving on the School Improvement Council, parents have the opportunity to serve as members of the PTO and volunteer for various events around the school, including Open House, Curriculum Night, and other extracurricular activities sponsored by the school.
