

GEORGETOWN



Middle School

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Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2023-2024

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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 2023-2024 school year. Parents were encouraged to participate in school-based activities, including Open House, and Curriculum Night. We focused on student centered activities to help with the increase of parent participation. The SIC will continue to work to determine ways to invite the parents and students into the school while competing with sports and other community activities.

As with other area of the country, GMS is constantly working to keep students in 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 are conducted several times a week at various entry points. GMS also employs a full time SRO on campus.

School Achievements

Jennifer Roberto, Teacher of the year

Muryel Sumpter, Support Staff of the year *District Finalist*

Elizabeth Ballow, Rookie Teacher of the year

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District Level Academic 2nd Place Bowl Winner

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District 1st Place Football Winner

Student Achievement

ELA and math data from SC READY and iReady both indicate that our students are averaging 2 or more grade level below expectations and state performance, with math being a greater area of concern. However, we have made some progress over the last few years with improvements in all areas (Math, ELA, and Science). Our school ranked at needs improvement this year, however we have seen an improvement in student achievement and school climate. 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 My school'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 Georgetown County School District. Within those 750 students are the following demographics: 45% African-American, 39% Caucasian, 15% Hispanic, 0.6% biracial, 0.1% Asian American, and 0.2% Hawaiian-Pacific Islander.

Additionally, Georgetown Middle School serves 102 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.

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the My school 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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