

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL School Improvement Council

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HMS Curriculum Focus:

- Master schedule that supports faculty/staff professional learning communities
- 6th and 7th grade collaborative student learning communities
- Re-Do Café/Opportunity Time/Study Buddies enrichment and remediation time—4 Tiered Intervention System with “Failure is Not an Option” basis
- Chromebook labs
- Bring Your Own Device School-wide
- Technology and literacy-based related arts classes:
 - Advanced Art, Advanced Chorus
 - Broadcast Journalism
 - Keyboarding
 - Creative Writing
 - Drama/Speech and Debate
 - French and Spanish
 - Additional academic ELA and Math support classes
- *Related Arts class additions for 2016-17: Multi-media, Google Basics, GTT—Design and Modeling, Early Bird virtual classes, GTT—Forensics*

Hillcrest Middle School Overview:

Student Enrollement: 975
Number of Certified Staff: 57
Number of Support Staff: 38
Percent of Advanced Degrees: 71.9%
Student Average Daily Attendance: 96.3%
Teacher Average Daily Attendance: 95.3%
National Board Certified Teachers: Janet Kirby, Tina Hurley, Catherine Adams, Kelly Linn, Susan Dicey, Kim Long

Hillcrest Middle School: A Heritage of Excellence

Report to the Parents 2015-16



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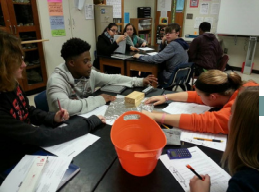
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A HERITAGE OF EXCELLENCE WITH A VISION FOR CREATING A PROFESSIONAL, COLLABORATIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY THAT FOCUSES ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS WITHIN A RIGOROUS ACADEMIC CURRICULUM.



Hillcrest Middle School

Outstanding Features/Programs:

- High School credit awarded for: Honors Algebra I, Honors English I, Geometry, Spanish, French, Keyboarding
- Award-winning Fine Arts Programs: Band, Chorus, Visual Arts, Strings
- Grade-level field studies
- Media Center with over 13,000 books and a computer lab within the center
- Benchmark testing with individual student goal-setting with tiered interventions
- Challenge Program
- Teacher/Faculty Common Planning
- Computer – Application Classes, Keyboarding, Movie Making club, Journalism
- Community Service Programs/Community Partnerships: Dodging for Dinners, Greenville Animal Care Food Drive, United Way Drive, Fall Food Drive, Backpack Blessings, Candy for Soldiers Drive
- Published author visits yearly
- Middle School Sports: Basketball, D-team Football, Soccer, Baseball, Volleyball, Softball, Wrestling, Intramurals, HS Track
- Multimedia Capabilities, Promethean Boards in all classrooms, Refreshed computer labs
- Clubs: Student Council, Sandlappers, Movie Making, Science, Writing, Career, Drama, International, Girls Inspired, Reading, Spirit, Wildcat for a Cause, Wildcat Steppers, Community Service, Yearbook, National Beta Club, Robotics
- Superior Nine Strings Group
- Yearly Drama Production
- Student News Show and News Channel
- Career Education Programs and Career Fair
- Actively engaged, award-winning PTA and School Improvement Council
- Mentor Greenville Program/Mental Health Partnerships
- Student Incentive Programs—PAWS, STARS
- Peer Tutoring Program
- Bring Your Own Device instruction/Techno Device Days
- Fit Fridays



Student Achievement: Hillcrest Middle School achieved the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.

Our percentages of students scoring EXCEEDING or READY on ACT Aspire or MET or EXEMPLARY on SCPASS for 2014-15 as indicated on our school report card were:

SUBJECT	MET/Ready	EXEMPLARY/Exceeding	TOTAL
Math	26.6%	21.9%	48.5%
English	31.8%	46.6%	78.4%
Reading	30.1%	18.0%	48.1%
Writing	40.1%	4.1%	44.2%
Science	43.4%	25.3%	68.7%
Social Studies	33.0%	49.4%	82.4%



END-OF-COURSE TEST	% of students scoring 70 or higher
Algebra I	100%
English I	98%

HMS Goal 1: In 2015, 47 % of our students will meet or exceed their growth goal on MAP Math as measured from fall to spring.

HMS Goal 2: In 2015, 58 % of our students will meet or exceed their projected growth goal on MAP Reading as measured from fall to spring.

HMS PD Goal 3: In 2015-16, the principal, on a weekly basis, will study a minimum of one inclusive, student-centered best practice and will educate 100% of the Hillcrest Middle staff on such practices at weekly collaboration meetings, the weekly faculty newsletter, and monthly faculty meetings. Teachers and administrators will integrate such strategies in all grade levels on a weekly basis.

Achievements and Honors:

- PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence
- SCASA School of Promise
- SC Drama Association Awards
- Palmetto Silver Awards (2006-07, 2010-11, 2011-12, 14-15)
- PTA Reflections and GCSD Juried Art Show winners
- Duke Scholars and SC Junior Scholars
- Up to \$10,000 in PTA mini-grants awarded to teachers
- Grants received:
 - ◇ State Library Grant
 - ◇ Makerspace Grant
 - ◇ MENSA Foundation Grant
 - ◇ Livewell Greenville School
 - ◇ Donors Choose Grant
 - ◇ Innovative Arts Grant
- Faculty consists of:
 - ◇ Golden Apple Award Winners
 - ◇ Writing Consultant for Low Country Reading Project
 - ◇ Published Writers
 - ◇ Who's Who Among America's Teachers
 - ◇ Greenville County Conservation Regional Winner
 - ◇ VFW Post Teacher of the Year
 - ◇ Published Illustrator
 - ◇ Published Author
 - ◇ National Board Certified teachers
 - ◇ Distinguished Teachers of Reading
 - ◇ Instructional Coach Institute Participants
- ◇ All teachers are trained in student-centered, inclusive practices.
- ◇ There is one administrator and one guidance counselor per grade level.

