

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Improvement Council

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HMS Curriculum Focus

- Master schedule that supports faculty/staff professional learning communities
- Retest/redo with "Failure is Not an Option" basis
- 1:1 Chromebooks
- **Technology, Literacy-based, and Performing related arts classes:**

Art

Band

Broadcast Journalism

Chorus

Communications: Podcasting

Computer Tech

Creative Writing

Gateway to Technology Design and Modeling

GTT Computer Science for Innovators

GTT Auto-Robotics

Spanish

Speech and Drama

Strings

Hillcrest Middle School Overview:

Student Enrollement: 645 In-Person; 346 Virtual

Number of Certified Staff: 53 In-Person; 15 Virtual

Number of Support Staff: 27

Percent of Advanced Degrees: 75.5

National Board Certified Teachers: Catherine Adams, Kelly Linn, Susan Dicey



Hillcrest Middle School

Caring, Committed, Connected

Report to the Parents 2020-2021



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The mission of Hillcrest Middle School is to build a collaborative learning community focused on student achievement.

Hillcrest Middle School

Outstanding Features/Programs:

- High School credit awarded for: Honors Algebra I, Honors English I, Geometry, Spanish, Advanced Chorus, Advanced Band, Cyber Citizenship, Graphic Design, Creative Writing, Digital Publication Design, Fundamentals of Computing
- Award-winning Fine Arts Programs: Superior with Distinction Band, Superior Chorus, Visual Arts, Strings
- Grade-level field studies
- PAWS (Positive, Affirming, Willing Students)
- Mock Trial
- National Junior Beta Club
- Media Center with over 13,000 books and a computer lab within the center
- Benchmark testing with individual student goal-setting with tiered interventions
- Teacher/Faculty Common Planning & PLCs
- Computer – Application Classes, Journalism
- Community Service Programs/Community Partnerships: Greenville Animal Care Food Drive, United Way Drive, Fall Food Drive, Backpack Blessings, The Springs Assisted Living Facility, Pelham Medical Facility, Kona Ice
- 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
- **Clubs:** Student Council, Sandlappers, Movie Making, Video Editing, Drama, International, Girls Inspired, Reading, Spirit, Wildcat for a Cause, Wildcat Steppers, Community Service, Yearbook, National Beta Club, Principals' Council, Sandlapper, Run Hard, Makerspace.
- 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
- Lunch & Learns
- Special Olympics participation

Due to COVID clubs and other programs were not available to our students. We look forward to offering these in 2021-2022.

Student Achievement: Our percentages of students scoring EXCEEDING or READY or MET or EX-EMPLARY on SCPASS for 2018-2019 as indicated on our school report card were:

HMS Goal 1: During the 2020-2021 school year, the percentage of students in grades 6-8 meeting or exceeding grade level expectations on the SC Ready Math test will increase to 48%.

SUBJECT	Meets	Exceeds	TOTAL
Math	21.3%	21.4%	42.7%
English	29.2%	23.1%	52.3%
Science	21.8%	28.6%	50.4%
Social Studies	22.8%	59.8%	82.6%

HMS Goal 2: During the 2020-2021 school year, the percentage of students in grades 6-8 meeting or exceeding grade level expectations on the SC Ready English test will increase to 55%.

Due to COVID there was no state testing in 2019-2020



Achievements and Honors:

PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence
 SCASA School of Promise
 Palmetto Silver Awards
 PTA Reflections and GCSJ Juried Art Show winners
 Duke Scholars and SC Junior Scholars
 Up to \$10,000 in PTA mini-grants awarded to teachers
 Superior ratings for band and orchestra programs

Grants received:

State Library Grant
 Makerspace Grant
 MENSA Foundation Grant
 Livewell Greenville School
 DonorsChoose Grants
 Innovative Arts Grant/Metropolitan Arts Grant

Faculty consists of:

Top 10 GCS Teacher of the Year
 Golden Apple Award Winners
 Writing Consultant -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
 SCASL Paraprofessional of the Year
 National Board Certified teachers
 Upstate Parent: Top Ten Educators of the Year
 Donors Choose Orkin Award
 Distinguished Teachers of Reading
 Instructional Coach Institute Participants

Hillcrest Middle has 4 administrators, 1 instructional coach, and 4.5 school counselors.