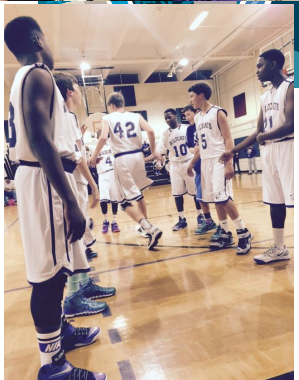
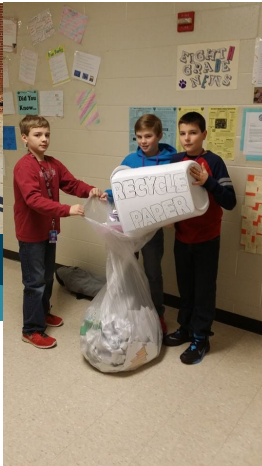


## HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL School Improvement Council

Gerhart, Jay, Chair	Kelli Farmer, Principal
Laurie Duprey	Donald Peake
Barb McPoland	Janet Kirby
Sara Sasko	Mary Walker
Melanie Johnson	Michi Cortese



### On the horizon for 2015-16:

- New master schedule to support faculty/staff professional learning communities
- 6th and 7th grade collaborative student learning communities/teaming
- Additional computer lab created
- Chromebook lab
- Bring Your Own Device School-wide
- Related arts classes:
  - Advanced Art, Advanced Chorus
  - Broadcast Journalism/Yearbook/Desktop
  - Virtual classes
  - Updated keyboarding lab
  - Creative Writing/Exploratory
  - Speech and Drama
  - Additional educational support classes
  - Band, Strings, Chorus
  - Home Arts

### Hillcrest Middle School Overview:

**Student Enrollement:** 1022  
**Number of Certified Staff:** 58  
**Number of Support Staff:** 39  
**Percent of Advanced Degrees:** 69.5%  
**Student Average Daily Attendance:** 95.9%  
**Teacher Average Daily Attendance:** 95.1%  
**National Board Certified Teachers:** Janet Kirby, Tina Hurley, Catherine Adams, Kelly Linn, Susan Dicey, Crystal Greenway

## Hillcrest Middle School: A Heritage of Excellence

*Report to the Parents 2014-15*



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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
- 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
- Challenge Program
- Collaboration Power Hour
- Computer – Application classes, Keyboarding, Journalism/Yearbook
- 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, Kemet,, Dr. Tom Atkinson/BraceMobile, Greenville Family Partnership, Parent /CommunityTutors
- Published author visits yearly
- Middle School Sports: Basketball, D-team Football, Soccer, Baseball, Volleyball, Softball, Wrestling, Intramurals
- Multimedia Capabilities, Promethean Boards in all classrooms
- Clubs: Student Council, Sandlappers, Movie Making, Science, Writing, Career, Drama, International, Girls Inspired, Reading, Spirit, Wildcat for a Cause, Wildcat Steppers, Community Service, Yearbook, Boys Inspired
- Superior Nine Strings Group
- Yearly Drama Production
- Student News Show and News Channel
- Career Education Programs
- Actively engaged, award-winning PTA and School Improvement Council
- Mentor Greenville Program/Mental Health Partnerships
- Student Incentive Programs
- Peer Study Buddies
- Bring Your Own Device instruction/Techno Device Days
- Fit Fridays/Faculty Fitness Grant
- Making Middle Grades Work worksite

**Student Achievement:** On the 2014 State Report Card, Hillcrest Middle School achieved an absolute rating of GOOD and a growth rating of AVERAGE. Our ESEA grade was 84.4, a B grade.

Our percentages of students scoring MET or EXEMPLARY on SCPASS for 2014 as indicated on our school report card were:

SUBJECT	MET	EXEMPLARY	TOTAL
<i>Math</i>	41.8%	29.8%	71.6%
<i>ELA</i>	33.3%	41.4%	74.7%
<i>Writing</i>	40.3%	38.5%	78.8%
<i>Science</i>	47.6%	23.7%	71.3%
<i>Social Studies</i>	32.2%	47.7%	79.9%



END-OF-COURSE TEST	% of students scoring 70 or higher
<i>Algebra I</i>	100%
<i>English I</i>	100%

**HMS Goal 1:** In 2015, 68% of our students will meet or exceed their growth goal on MAP Reading as measured from fall to spring and 79% of our students will score at or above the benchmark on the ACT Aspire ELA Test.

**HMS Goal 2:** In 2015, 60% of our students will meet or exceed their growth goal on MAP Math as measured from fall to spring and 78.8% of our students will score at or above the benchmark on the ACT Aspire Math Test.

**HMS Goal 3:** In 2014-15, the administrative team, on a weekly basis, will study innovative, effective practices for developing the staff capacity to function as a professional learning community, and we will educate 100% of the HMS staff on PLC (Professional Learning Communities) development at each monthly faculty meeting and at each monthly staff-wide collaboration meeting.

## Achievements and Honors:

- PTA National Parent Involvement School of Excellence
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- SCASA School of Promise
- SC Drama Association Awards
- Palmetto Silver Awards (2006-07, 2010-11, 2011-12)
- 2 finalists for the Solicitor’s 2015 Anti-Drug Calendar Contest
- Award-winning custodial staff
- 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 Health Index Grant
  - ◇ Target 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
  - National Board Certified teachers
  - Distinguished Teachers of Reading
  - Instructional Coach Institute Participants
- One administrator and one guidance counselor per grade level : Simpsonville School Resource Officer of the Year