

2012 PASS Scores

Sixth Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	ELA	350	22.0	35.4	42.6
Math	351	27.6	45.0	27.4	72.4
Science	174	30.5	52.9	16.7	69.5
Social Studies	177	14.1	47.5	38.4	85.9

*Hillcrest Middle School's
Summary Report to the Community*

Spring 2013

Keith Russell, Principal

Seventh Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	ELA	342	24.6	33.9	41.5
Math	343	23.6	44.3	32.1	76.4
Science	343	25.9	54.8	19.2	74.1
Social Studies	343	31.5	36.2	32.4	68.5

*Hillcrest Middle School
"A Heritage of Excellence"*



Mission

*To build a collaborative learning community
focused on student achievement.*

*510 Garrison Road
Simpsonville, SC*

Eighth Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	Writing	332	15.7	35.8	48.5
ELA	331	23.6	39.3	37.2	76.4
Math	331	27.2	53.8	19.0	72.8
Science	166	15.7	45.8	38.6	84.3
Social Studies	165	25.5	32.7	41.8	74.5

Introduction

The Administration, Staff, and School Improvement Council of Hillcrest Middle School present this annual report to the parents and others in the community interested in the school. Please feel free to contact Keith Russell, the principal, with any questions or comments.

School Improvement Council Members:

Angalet, Mandy	Parent
Cortese, Michi	Administrator
Gerhart, Jay	Parent
Gibbs, Ana	Teacher
Hunnicutt, Jane	Guidance
Johnson, Melanie	Parent
Kirby, Janet	Administrator
Mattison, Teresa	Parent
McGuffin, Gracie	Guidance
McPoland, Barb	Teacher
Poterala, Shay	Parent
Reames, Heather	Parent
Russell, Keith	Principal
Walker, Mary	Administrator
Watson, Lynda	Parent
Welch, Christie	Parent
Zepel, Rick	Instructional Coach

2012 School Report Card Ratings:

Absolute Rating-Good

Improvement Rating- Excellent

School Report Card Ratings are based on improvements this year and over time. HMS scores are still in the top quarter of middle schools in the entire district. HMS is the only middle school in the district to win a Palmetto Silver Award for PASS score improvement in the last three years.

AYP= Adequate Yearly Progress
NCLB= No Child Left Behind
MAP= Measures of Academic Progress
ELA= English/Language Arts

Quick Facts:

Current enrollment: 1047
 Number of teachers: 58
 Number of Administrators: 4
 Number of Guidance Counselors: 3

Achievement of Goals and Objectives:

During the past school year Hillcrest Middle School has:

- Received the Palmetto Gold Award and a rating of Excellent in school improvement.
- Received the SC PTA Outstanding Unit of the Year Award for 2011-2012.
- Achieved largest percentage of students meeting MAP target growth of any middle school in the district.
- PASS accountability rate of 89%.

- Of the 347 current 7th graders 100 qualified to take the SAT or ACT, 20 took the SAT/ACT and 5 students qualified for State Recognition status.
- Of the 337 current 8th graders 90 took the PSAT and 29 were recognized as SC Junior Scholars.
- Of the current 337 8th graders 37 are enrolled in English I Honors, 24 in French, 42 in Algebra I Honors, 115 in Spanish I and 19 in Geometry.
- Thirty-five 7th grade students are enrolled in the Algebra I Honors course.
- Continued status as a National PTA Parental Involvement School of Excellence. HMS was one of only 3 middle schools in the state to achieve this award.
- Continued MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) in the areas of Math, Language Arts, and Literature as a measure of academic progress made during the school year. This test will be used to measure growth year by year for each individual student.
- State finalist for National Geographic Geography Bee.

District Goals:

1. Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.
2. Ensure quality personnel in all positions.
3. Provide a school environment supportive of learning.
4. Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources.
5. Improve public understanding and support of public schools.

School Goals & Objectives:

1. To meet AYP for all students.
2. To continue instructional strategies to enable students to receive high benchmark scores on standardized assessments of educational programs.
3. To increase student achievement through improvement in the quality of administrators and teachers.
4. To develop a safe, responsible, and respectful school environment.

Strategies To Meet Future Goals:

1. Continue PASS practice opportunities for all students in need of additional assistance.
2. Enhance teacher awareness in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities.
3. Maintain high scores on standardized and end-of-course tests.
4. Utilize test data to increase student achievement levels of all groups of students.
5. Provide staff development in perceived areas of interest and need.
6. Continue to implement anti-bullying and character development programs.
7. Promote parental involvement to increase standardized test scores for all students.

Annual Evaluations:

1. PASS tests in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies.
2. End-of-course tests in high school level courses (Algebra, French, English I).
3. Curriculum evaluation/alignment of instruction with South Carolina standards.
4. Regional and state evaluations of programs and quality of instruction including SACS.
5. South Carolina State Report Card surveys of faculty, staff, and students regarding the quality of education at HMS.
6. School portfolio self-study evaluations.
7. School district evaluations and surveys.
8. Evaluations of teachers and administrators with a competency based evaluation instrument.
9. Students who complete three full years of instruction at Hillcrest Middle typically gain 4.5 years of academic growth on the PASS achievement test.