

## HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL School Improvement Council

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### HMS Curriculum Focus:

- Master schedule that supports faculty/staff professional learning communities
- Re-Do Café/Opportunity Time, and FLEX time enrichment and remediation time—4 Tiered Intervention System with “Failure is Not an Option” basis
- Chromebook labs
- School-wide Bring Your Own Device
- Technology and literacy-based related arts classes:
  - Advanced Chorus
  - Broadcast Journalism
  - Gateway to Technology-Design and Modeling
  - Gateway to Technology-Medical Detectives
  - Creative Writing
  - Drama
  - French and Spanish
  - Virtual Google Basics
  - Virtual Multi-media
  - Early bird virtual class opportunities

### Hillcrest Middle School Overview:

**Student Enrollement: 963**  
**Number of Certified Staff: 55**  
**Number of Support Staff: 36**  
**Percent of Advanced Degrees: 74.5**  
**Student Average Daily Attendance: 96.2%**  
**Teacher Average Daily Attendance: 94.6%**  
**National Board Certified Teachers:** Janet Kirby, Tina Hurley, Catherine Adams, Kelly Linn, Susan Dicey

## Hillcrest Middle School: A Heritage of Excellence

*Report to the Parents 2016-17*



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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, Google Basics, Mutli-Media
- Award-winning Fine Arts Programs: Band, Chorus, Visual Arts, Strings
- Grade-level field studies
- Mock Trial and Youth in Government
- 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, Journalism
- Community Service Programs/Community Partnerships: Greenville Animal Care Food Drive, United Way Drive, Fall Food Drive, Backpack Blessings, The Springs Assisted Living Facility
- 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, Principals' Council
- 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
- Flex Enrichment Period



**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 2015-16 as indicated on our school report card were:

SUBJECT	MET/Ready	EXEMPLARY/ Exceeding	TOTAL
<b>Math</b>	26.6%	15.6%	42.2%
<b>English</b>	17.9%	29.3%	47.2%
<b>Science</b>	43.3%	28.6%	71.9%
<b>Social Studies</b>	44.5%	34.7%	79.2%

**HMS Goal 1:** END-OF-COURSE TEST % of students scoring 70 or higher  
 During the 2016-17 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 46.8%.

**HMS Goal 2:** During the 2016-17 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 51.3%.

**HMS PD Goal 3:** In 2016-17, as principal, on a weekly basis, I will increase my knowledge of inclusive practices in order to improve teacher strategies and improve student performance, by studying a minimum of one inclusive, student-centered best practice, meeting weekly with the SPED department chair, and researching inclusive practices in order to prepare monthly professional development sessions for 100% of the HMS faculty.



### Achievements and Honors:

- PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence
- SCASA School of Promise
- 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
- 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:
  - ◇ 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
  - ◇ National Board Certified teachers
  - ◇ Distinguished Teachers of Reading
  - ◇ Instructional Coach Institute Participants
- ◇ All teachers are trained in student-centered, inclusive practices.
- ◇ Hillcrest Middle has 5 administrators, 1 instructional coach, and 4 guidance counselors.

