

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL School Improvement Council

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HMS Curriculum Focus:

- Master schedule that supports faculty/staff professional learning communities
- 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
 - French
 - Spanish
 - Virtual Google Basics
 - Virtual Multi-media
 - Early bird virtual class opportunities

Hillcrest Middle School Overview:

Student Enrollement: 939
Number of Certified Staff: 65
Number of Support Staff: 29
Percent of Advanced Degrees: 77.8
Student Average Daily Attendance: 95%
Teacher Average Daily Attendance: 94%
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 2017-18



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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, Multi-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 & 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, Refreshed computer labs
- Clubs: Student Council, Sandlappers, Movie Making, Career, Drama, International, Girls Inspired, Reading, Spirit, Wildcats 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
- Bring Your Own Device instruction/Techno Device Days
- Special Olympics participation



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

Our percentages of students scoring EXCEEDS or MEETS on SCREADY and MET or EXEMPLARY on SCPASS for 2016-17 as indicated on our school report card were:

SUBJECT	MEETS	EXCEEDS	TOTAL
Math	20.8%	19.1%	39.9%
English	27.7%	15.7%	43.4%
Science	29.1%	20.7%	49.8%
Social Studies	37.6%	38.3%	75.9%

HMS Goal 1: END-OF-COURSE % of students
During the 2017-2018 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 45%.

TEST scoring 70 or higher

Algebra I 98.8%

English I 100%

HMS Goal 2: During the 2017-2018 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 48%.

HMS PD Goal 3: In 2017-2018, as the Principal of Hillcrest Middle School, I will work with teachers to analyze data derived from Mastery Connect to assist with creating better formative and summative assessments that meet the rigor of the South Carolina College-and-Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) and the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS).



Achievements and Honors:

- PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence
- SCASA School of Promise
- Palmetto Silver Awards (2006-2007, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2014-2015)
- 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
 - ◇ Donors Choose Grants
 - ◇ Innovative Arts Grant/Metropolitan Arts Grant
- Faculty consists of:
 - ◇ Greenville County Schools Top 10 Finalist for 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
 - ◇ National Board Certified teachers
 - ◇ Distinguished Teachers of Reading
 - ◇ Instructional Coach Institute Participants
 - ◇ Hillcrest Middle has 5 administrators, 1 instructional coach, and 4 school counselors.

