

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 and literacy-based related arts classes:
 - Advanced Chorus
 - Broadcast Journalism
 - Gateway to Technology-Design and Modeling
 - Creative Writing
 - Spanish
 - Virtual Google Basics
 - Virtual Multi-media
 - Early bird virtual class opportunities

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Caring, Committed, Connected

Report to the Parents 2017-18



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Hillcrest Middle School Overview:

Student Enrollement: 968

Number of Certified Staff: 66

Number of Support Staff: 31

Percent of Advanced Degrees: 70.2

Student Average Daily Attendance: 95%

Teacher Average Daily Attendance: 92.1%

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



Principal: William Price

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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, French, Google Basics, Multi-Media
- Award-winning Fine Arts Programs: Superior with Distinction Band, Superior Chorus, Visual Arts, Strings
- Grade-level field studies
- Mock Trial
- 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, 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
- Bring Your Own Device instruction/Techno Device Days
- Special Olympics participation



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

Our percentages of students scoring EXCEEDING or READY or MET or EXEMPLARY on SCPASS for 2017-2018 as indicated on our school report card were:

SUBJECT	MET/Ready	EXEMPLARY/ Exceeding	TOTAL
<i>Math</i>	25.3%	22.8%	48.1%
<i>English</i>	29.7%	21.1%	50.8%
<i>Science</i>	27.7%	33.8%	61.5%
<i>Social Studies</i>	30.7%	43.8%	74.6%
END-OF-COURSE TEST	% of students	scoring 70 or higher	
<i>Algebra I</i>	100%		
<i>English I</i>	100%		

HMS Goal 1: During the 2018-2019 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 50%.

HMS Goal 2: During the 2018-2019 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 53%.



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 4 administrators, 1 instructional coach, and 4 school counselors.

