

## 2013 PASS Scores

Sixth Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	ELA	358	26.3	38.0	35.8
Math	361	28.0	41.3	30.7	72.0
Science	181	29.3	55.2	15.5	70.7
Social Studies	180	23.3	41.1	35.6	76.7
Writing	362	19.9	39.5	40.6	80.1

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

*Spring 2014*

*Keith Russell, Principal*

Seventh Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	ELA	347	23.6	36.9	39.5
Math	347	24.8	42.1	33.1	75.2
Science	347	27.1	57.6	15.3	72.9
Social Studies	347	28.2	32.0	39.8	71.8
Writing	344	13.7	41.9	44.5	86.3

**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
	ELA	334	24.0	36.5	39.5
Math	337	22.6	55.5	22.0	77.4
Science	168	24.4	50.0	25.6	75.6
Social Studies	169	27.8	30.2	42.0	72.2
Writing	334	13.5	45.8	40.7	86.5

# 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:

Abare, Cindy	Parent
Alewine, Kayla	Teacher
Angalet, Mandy	Parent
Cortese, Michi	Administrator
Erwin, Rochelle	Parent
Gerhart, Jay	Parent
Gibbs, Ana	Teacher
Johnson, Melanie	Parent
Kirby, Janet	Administrator
Mauldin, Jackie	Parent
McGuffin, Gracie	Guidance
McPoland, Barb	Teacher
Poterla, Shay	Parent
Russell, Keith	Principal
Walker, Mary	Administrator
Zepel, Rick	Instructional Coach

### 2013 School Report Card Ratings:

**Absolute Rating-Good**

**Improvement Rating- Average**

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 both a Palmetto Silver Award and Closing the Gap Award for PASS score improvement in the last four years.

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

## Quick Facts:

Current enrollment: 1061  
 Number of teachers: 60  
 Number of Administrators: 4  
 Number of Guidance Counselors: 3

## Achievement of Goals and Objectives:

During the past school year Hillcrest Middle School has:

- Recently received the Palmetto Gold Award and a rating of Excellent in school improvement.
- Achieved largest percentage of students meeting MAP target growth of any middle school in the district.
- Continued MAP testing (Measures of Academic Progress) in the areas of Math and Reading 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.
- Received the SC PTA Outstanding Unit of the Year Award for 2011-2012.

- Of the 360 current 7th graders, 79 qualified to take the SAT or ACT, 27 took the SAT/ACT and 6 students qualified for State Recognition status.
- Of the 347 current 8th graders, 100 took the PSAT and 29 were recognized as SC Junior Scholars.
- Of the current 347 8th graders, 50 are enrolled in English I Honors, 25 in French I, 48 in Algebra I Honors, 109 in Spanish I and 30 in Geometry.
- Added an additional Spanish teacher this school year.
- Twenty-seven 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 in the year we were selected.
- State finalist for National Geographic Geography Bee (2013).

## 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, character and career development programs.
7. Promote parental involvement to increase student performance

## Annual Evaluations:

1. PASS tests in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies. Writing
2. End-of-course tests in high school level courses (Algebra I, French I, English I)
3. Curriculum evaluation/alignment of instruction with South Carolina Common Core standards
4. Regional and state evaluations of programs and quality of instruction including AdvancED
5. South Carolina State Report Card surveys of faculty, staff, parents 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