

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, Literacy-based, and Performing related arts classes:**
 - Art
 - Band
 - Broadcast Journalism
 - Chorus
 - Communications: Podcasting
 - Computer Tech
 - Creative Writing
 - Gateway to Technology Design and Modeling
 - GTT Computer Science for Innovators
 - GTT Auto-Robotics
 - Spanish
 - Speech and Drama
 - Strings

Hillcrest Middle School

Caring, Committed, Connected

Report to the Parents 2019-2020



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Hillcrest Middle School Overview:

Student Enrollment: 1,016

Number of Certified Staff: 63

Number of Support Staff: 31

Percent of Advanced Degrees: 75.5

Student Average Daily Attendance: 95%

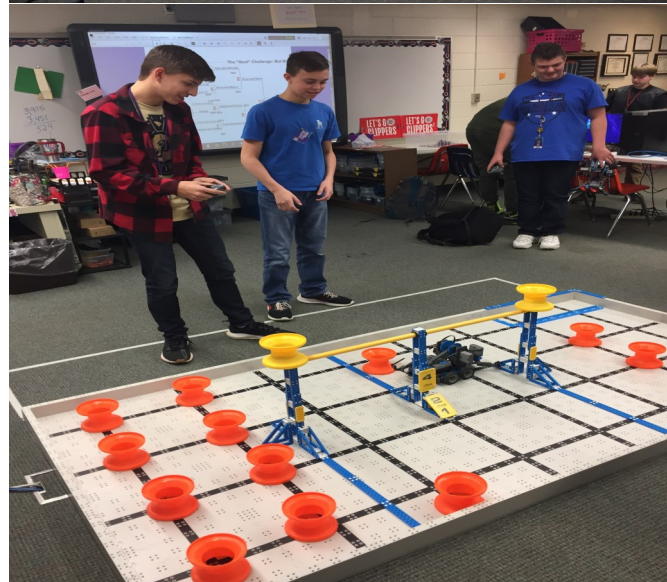
Teacher Average Daily Attendance: 90.5%

National Board Certified Teachers: Catherine Adams, Kelly Linn, Susan Dacey

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, Advanced Chorus, Advanced Band, Cyber Citizenship, Graphic Design, Creative Writing, Digital Publication Design, Fundamentals of Computing
- Award-winning Fine Arts Programs: Superior with Distinction Band, Superior Chorus, Visual Arts, Strings
- Grade-level field studies
- PAWS (Positive, Affirming, Willing Students)
- Mock Trial
- National Junior Beta Club
- Media Center with over 13,000 books and a computer lab within the center
- Benchmark testing with individual student goal-setting with tiered interventions
- 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
- **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
- 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 20182019-2020 as indicated on our school report card were:

SUBJECT	Meets	Exceeds	TOTAL
Math	21.3%	21.4%	42.7%
English	29.2%	23.1%	52.3%
Science	21.8%	28.6%	50.4%
Social Studies	22.8%	59.8%	82.6%

HMS Goal 1: During the 2019-2020 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 48%.

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 55%.



Achievements and Honors:

PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence
 SCASA School of Promise
 Palmetto Silver Awards
 PTA Reflections and GCSA 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
 SCASL Paraprofessional of the Year
 National Board Certified teachers
 Upstate Parent: Top Ten Educators of the Year
 Donors Choose Orkin Award
 Distinguished Teachers of Reading
 Instructional Coach Institute Participants

Hillcrest Middle has 4 administrators, 1 instructional coach, and 4 school counselors.