



Horry County Schools

March 2014

North Myrtle Beach Middle 2013-14 School Summary Report



Vision Statement

North Myrtle Beach Middle School's vision is to be a premier, world-class middle school in which every student acquires an excellent education. Our school will be a welcoming center organized around high-quality teaching and learning.

2014-2015 School Improvement Council

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Dear Parents,

This School Summary Report has been prepared for you and the members of our community who are interested in our school. The report reviews the progress made **last year** on our strategic plan for increasing student learning and the test scores on the 2013-14 administration of the state's PASS testing.

If you have any questions about the information in this report or want a copy of the school's strategic plan, please call the school at (843) 399-6136.

Mark Porter
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Leslie Elliott
School Improvement Chair

Celebrate With Us!

North Myrtle Beach Middle School's students and staff are proud of the accomplishments they have made during the 2013– 2014 school year.

Forty-six students have been designated as South Carolina Junior Scholars based on their performance on the PSAT. Sixty-one students have been designated as Explore Scholars based on Explore testing, and two seventh grade students have qualified as Duke Tip Scholars based on their performance on the SAT. The school inducted 165 students into Junior Beta Club based on their academic achievement.

The school had 39 students in the Fine Arts area who qualified for All-County events. Five students were selected for All-County Band, 11 students were selected for All-County Orchestra, and 23 students were selected for All-County Chorus.

The school continues to offer a strong academic program. Qualifying students are offered the opportunity to earn high school credit in Algebra I, Geometry, English I, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications. Our End-of-Course (EOC) testing results for 2013 show that our students had a 100% passing rate in English I and a 99% passing rate in Algebra I.

NMB Middle continues a school-wide focus on literacy across the curriculum. The "Language!" program serves students in English Language Arts classes who need an intensive language arts program, and the "Read 180" program serves students who need some additional support in the area of language arts.

The school began two new initiatives this year: Personalized Digital Learning and Blended Learning. The Personalized Digital Learning (PDL) initiative has provided each student with an iPad and the Blended Learning initiative has provided training for teachers on designing classrooms that facilitate students working in small groups or independently with the goal of tailoring instruction to meet their needs and engage students in their learning.

We continue to have a strong transition program for our eighth grade students as they prepare for high school. Cluster area meetings were held in the fall to inform parents of the program choices available for rising 9th grade students. This early information assisted our guidance counselors, parents, and students in the development of students' individualized graduation plans (IGPs) based on their ninth grade program choices.

North Myrtle Beach Middle School is proud of the accomplishments of its students and staff and continues its "Quest for the Best" for all of its students.



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School & Community Highlights

Each year our staff and students become actively involved in projects to support our school community as we seek to instill in our students the value of giving back to the community. We have undertaken several projects during this school year.

During October, our staff made a generous donation of \$1587 to United Way of Horry County. In November, student council sponsored a food drive with more than 2,500 items collected and given to Helping Hand of North Myrtle Beach. During December, our

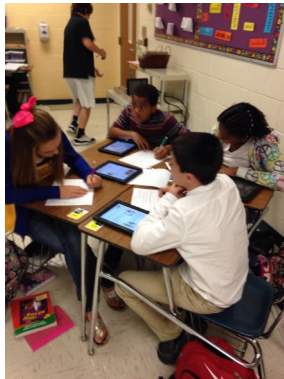
Jr. Beta Club sponsored a toy drive collecting toys for children for the holidays. More than 600 toys were collected. In January, we accepted the Polar Plunge Challenge for Special Olympics. Our students and staff raised over \$12,000 which was the largest amount for any middle school within the county. In addition, many of our staff and students took a freezing plunge in the Atlantic Ocean for this worthwhile cause. Our final school-wide project for this year is Relay for Life.

Thank you for your support for these projects. Together, we can set the example and teach our students the responsibility and joy of giving to others in our community.

We received an "All Clear" Accreditation status from the State Department of Education for the 2013-2014 school year and continue to be accredited through the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

2013-14 Annual School Report Card "Palmetto Gold Award"

North Myrtle Beach Middle is pleased to announce that it has earned the "Palmetto Gold Award" for its 2013-14 student achievement. This award is based on a school's absolute rating and growth rating. On the 2013-14 administration of the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) testing, our absolute rating was "**Excellent**" which is based on the number of students who scored at the Met and Exemplary levels of achievement on the state standards and our growth rating was "**Good**" based on the number of students who improved. This is the second time that NMB Middle School has been awarded the Palmetto Gold Award which is the state's highest award. Congratulations to our students and staff for this wonderful accomplishment.



Students Meeting Standard or Scoring Exemplary on PASS 2014

	Writing	ELA	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
6th Grade	80.2%	74.6%	69.0%	70.0%	84.4%
7th Grade	79.8%	75.2%	78.2%	82.9%	72.3%
8th Grade	76.9%	74.6%	68.5%	75.4%	74.0%

Students Scoring Exemplary on PASS 2014

	Writing	ELA	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
6th Grade	38.3%	44.4%	38.5%	24.4%	36.3%
7th Grade	49.1%	48.0%	48.7%	44.1%	47.7%
8th Grade	40.1%	48.4%	27.6%	45.8%	50.3%