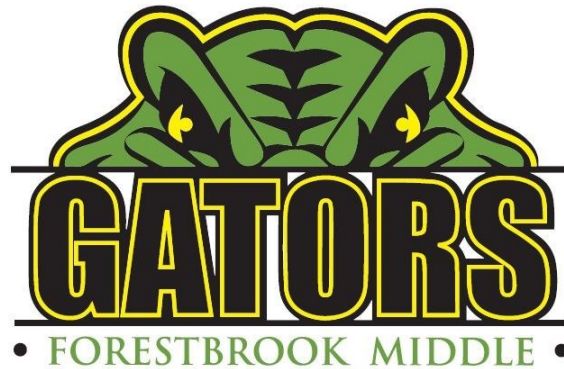


Forestbrook Middle School 2019 School Summary Report



2015 National Blue Ribbon School
2014 Palmetto's Finest School

School Mission

The Mission of Forestbrook Middle School, a nurturing family responsive to an evolving community, is to ensure that all learners are prepared for and committed to lifelong learning with integrity by challenging students with innovative curriculum, teaching with high expectations, and cultivating individual talents.

School Improvement Council

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Dear Forestbrook Middle School Gator families:

It is our sincere pleasure to share this annual school report with our school community. Forestbrook Middle School has high expectations and standards for our students, and our staff takes great pride in providing a safe and secure learning environment, while at the same time offering a wide array of exciting and challenging academic programs. Each year we are filled with joy as we watch our students grow and learn. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of students at Forestbrook Middle School, and we continue to work in partnership with our families and community to ensure our students' success. We know that having your support is an essential part of our success, and we thank you for all that you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable.

At Forestbrook Middle School, we have a proud tradition of excellence that is associated with being a Palmetto's Finest and National Blue Ribbon awards winner. Academically our students have continued to perform at high levels in all areas. In addition, our students and faculty have continued to win many awards and competitions at the district, regional, and state level. We have provided opportunities for student success beyond the classroom through our clubs and activities designed to enhance the middle school experience and to foster service learning. This year we have continued to implement effective personalized learning with Google Chromebooks. In all aspects of our school, we embrace the concept of Excellence, Every Day, Everywhere.

Thank you for taking the time to read this annual report and to celebrate the accomplishments of our school and community. As always, we appreciate your support of Forestbrook Middle School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Rutenberg
Principal

Mrs. Christine Rockey
School Improvement
Council Chairperson



2018-19 FMS Administration

Community and Parent Involvement

- Backpack Buddies—Year-round Food Distribution for Students
- Veterans Day Assembly—Veteran Guest Speaker and Veterans Reception
- Hurricane Florence and Flood Relief—Students and Staff Packed and Distributed Sandbags, Donated and Distributed Food, Clothes, and Other Supplies
- Family/Business Donations to School: Over \$20,000
- Charitable Fundraising and Donations:
 - FMS Angel Tree: Over \$3,500 in Donations Supported Dozens of Families
 - United Way: Donations via Staff Payroll Deductions
 - FMS Polar Plunge Team Raised Over \$3,000 for Special Olympics
 - Kids Heart Challenge Raised Over \$4,750 for American Heart Association
 - Junior Beta Volunteered at Myrtle Beach Marathon, Highland Games, Polar Plunge, Pastries for Parents
- Discovered 434 Species of Wildlife at 24-Hour BioBlitz
- Environmental Science Challenge with Coastal Carolina University and National Geographic
- Socastee Attendance Area Advisory Board
- School-to-Work Initiative—16 Eighth Graders Spent Day Job Shadowing



Pastries for Parents

- Featured on WBTW, WPDE, and WMBF
- 75 Career Day Speakers
- Parent Survey
- Parent Guest Speakers for Career Day and Other Events
- Parents' Nights/Banquets for Sports and Academic Teams
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Each Semester
- Active and Supportive PTO and School Improvement Council
- Cookies with the Counselors
- Holiday Lunches for Family Members
- Pastries with Parents
- WatchDOG Dads Parent Involvement Program



Celebrate With Us!



Administration

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Academic Awards and Other Honors

2015 National Blue Ribbon School
Seven National Board-Certified Teachers and One National Board-Certified School Counselor
Nationally Recognized BETA School
Thirty Junior Scholars
Archery Team: Third Place Team at Regionals; 1st and 2nd place Middle School Individual Girls
Regional Mock Trial 2nd Place Winners, Professionalism and Civility Award, Eight Individual Student Awards
MATHCOUNTS—Regionals: 1st Place Team; 1st Place Individual; 1st place countdown; 2nd, 7th, and 9th Place Individual. State: 8th Place Team; 10th, 12th, 27th, and 37th Place Individuals.
Semester Student Academic Improvement Awards
Two Students Qualified at HCS Competition to Compete at South Carolina State History Day Competition
Student Placed 3rd in State for *National Geographic's* Geography Bee
Yearbook Named National Program of Excellence by Jostens
Teachers Presented at a Variety of State and National Conferences
Alpha/Beta Incentives (Free Admission into Special Events)

Student Academic Activities

HCS District-Wide Technology Fair Student Winners—3rd Place Animation, 3rd Place Digital Game Design, 3rd Place Video Production, 1st and 3rd Place Individual Rubik's 2x2, 4th Place Rubik's 3x3 Team, 5th Place Robotics Team
Horry County Soil and Water Essay
Black History Month—Cultural Awareness Assemblies with Student Speakers, Artists, and Musicians
English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes
School-Sponsored Creative Writing and Art Contests
Student Writing and Art Created, Displayed, and Read for Veterans Day Assembly
School Literary and Art Magazine
PI Day Competitions and Events
Field Trips to Charleston, Riverbanks Zoo, Playcard Environmental Center, WonderWorks, Medieval Times, High School Musical
Scholars Assemblies
After-School Extended Learning Tutoring Program

Extracurricular Activities

Archery Team
Basketball, Football, and Cheerleading Teams
Active Participation in Socastee High School Sports
Polar Plunge
Spirit Week Dress-Up Days and Charitable Giving
Robotics Team
Kids Heart Challenge
Book Fair and PTO Fundraising
Talent Show
Pep Rallies—Athletic and Academic

Life Skills

School Bookstore
Guidance Department
Red Ribbon Week Activities
CCU Ethics and Leadership Academy for 6th Graders
Drinking and Driving Curriculum
HTC Reel Kids—At-Risk Student Recognition

Clubs

Student Council
Book Club and MakerSpace Club
Science and Environment Club
Mock Trial
MATHCOUNTS
Junior Beta
Booster Club for Technology and Academics
Tech Club
Rubik's Cube Team
Yearbook and Blog Staff
Festival Chorus
Fellowship of Christian Athletes



MATHCOUNTS
Team Placed 1st in Region, 8th in State; Numerous Individual



Gator Idol
Talent Show Winners



Mock Trial Team
Earned Professionalism and Civility Award and 2nd Place at Regionals



FMS Hosted 75 Career Day Presenters



FMS School Report Card Data

State Grades and Ranks	Status 2014-15	School Goals 2015-16	Status 2015-16	School Goals 2016-17	Status 2016-17	School Goals 2017-18	Status 2017-18	School Goals 2017-18
SC PASS Science: At Least 90% of Students Will Score "Approaches" or Higher in Science by 2018 (Formerly "Met" or Higher)								
Grade 6	79	90	80	90	83	90	84	90
Grade 7	85	90	86	90	89	90	n/a	90
Grade 8	81	90	84	90	89	90	84	90
SC PASS Science: At Least 60% of Students Will Score "Meets" or "Exceeds" in Science by 2018 (Formerly "Exemplary" or Higher)								
Grade 6	32	60	35	60	63	60	64	60
Grade 7	53	60	53	60	69	60	n.a	60
Grade 8	55	60	61	60	74	60	64	60
SC PASS Social Studies: At Least 90% of Students Will Score "Met" or Higher in Social Studies by 2018								
Grade 6	90	90	92	90	91	90	n/a	90
Grade 7	85	90	85	90	94	90	87	90
Grade 8	89	90	83	90	95	90	n/a	90
SC PASS Social Studies: At Least 60% of Students Will Score "Exemplary" in Social Studies by 2018								
Grade 6	53	60	50	60	60	60	n/a	60
Grade 7	62	60	66	60	60	60	65	60
Grade 8	63	60	62	60	60	60	n/a	60

SC Ready ELA—Percent Met or Exceeding Expectations

	FMS	HCS	South Carolina
Total	53.3%	48.8%	41.7%
Grade 6	52%	48.2%	
Grade 7	59.8%	48.3%	
Grade 8	47.9%	44.8%	

SC Ready Math—Percent Met or Exceeding Expectations

	FMS	HCS	South Carolina
Total	57.9%	57.2%	44.6%
Grade 6	66.2%	60.4%	
Grade 7	56.1%	45.2%	
Grade 8	51.3%	47.2%	

Visual and Performing Arts, Communications

FMS Music Programs are Over 300 Students Strong
 Chorus placed 1st and Earned Superior Rating, and Band placed 3rd and Earned Excellent Rating, at Festival Performances in Atlanta, Georgia
 Four Band Students and One Orchestra Student Were Awarded Artistically Gifted and Talented Scholarships for Summer Music Programs at Charleston Southern or Furman University.
 Eleven Students Made All-County Band, Three of Which Made Region Band
 Eighth Grade Band Received a Rating of Excellent at State Concert Performance Assessment Event
 Atlanta Festival Band Received an Excellent Rating and Placed 3rd in Division at Music in the Parks Event—Atlanta, GA
 One Student Made All-County Orchestra
 Twenty-Four Students Made All-County Chorus
 Four Students Selected for All-State Chorus

Two Superior and Five Excellent Ratings at Choral Solo and Ensemble
 Two Choral Performance Awards from South Carolina Music Educators Association
 First Place in Division, Superior Rating, and Overall Winner for Division in Chorus Competition in Georgia
 Twenty-Two Students Inducted into the National Junior Art Honor Society
 First Place Winner at Waccamaw Riverkeepers Conference Art Contest
 Gator Marquee Provided by Student Council and PTO
 FMS/FES Signs Provided by Hunters Ridge Subdivision
 Sound System for School Provided by PTO
 Blackboard/Parent Link System
 Daily Parent Newsletter via Email, HCS TV-12
 FMS Web Page, Facebook Page, Instagram, and Blog
 Gator Guides, Career Ambassadors, and Greeters