

**Our school is helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate* by ...**

Aynor Middle School continues to help all students develop the World Class Skills of the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. Our students, parents, teachers, and administration faced unprecedented challenges this school year as we embraced a “new normal,” developed, and implemented innovative methods for providing effective instruction in the face of the COVID-19 global pandemic. While this report includes information about student performance, numbers alone do not speak to the energy and creative efforts that contribute to the investment by all stakeholders. It will be through our continued family-like partnerships, reflection, and our commitment to students that innovative ideas and practices inspire possibilities.

At Aynor Middle School, students have a nearly endless amount of programs that require them to think creatively, reflect, and problem-solve. These programs include our academics and an offering of various honors and accelerated programs, as well as a fine arts program including band, chorus, orchestra, and art, that continues to receive numerous recognitions and grants, such as the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) grant. This includes the celebration of 46 All-County Chorus, 17 All-County Orchestra four All-State Orchestra, and All-State Band students.

AMS also offers a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) curriculum through a partnership with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) which includes a medical detectives, design and modeling, and application creation course. Part of the scheduled time during the day includes Jacket Time, with a focus on social emotional learning, social skills, character and team building throughout the day. Our media center continues the promotion of literacy in our annual Poetry Slam and Battle of the Books contests. Our extracurriculars include numerous sports, clubs, and activities, including the following: archery, baby blue notes, baseball, basketball, book club, chess and gaming, cheerleading, FCA, fishing, football, geography, Math Counts, National Junior Honor Society, Real Men’s Club, Relay for Life, softball, student council, Sunshine Club, Technology and robotics, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and more!

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We are Aynor, and we will thrive together!

As we adjust to the "new normal," we will continue to provide effective instruction in a safe and healthy environment for our students and our staff. We continue to look for innovative ways to inspire new possibilities within our students. Most important, we will always uphold great reverence for the sacred trust our parents and community have placed in us to prepare a new generation for college, careers, and citizenship.

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I am thrilled to be a part of the Blue Jacket Family, and serve such a wonderful school and community! I feel incredibly fortunate to learn with, lead, and serve all of you, as principal of Aynor Middle School. I look forward to getting to know and work with you, and the students of AMS, whether it is remotely in a virtual setting, or through the hybrid model, to start the 2020-2021 school year. It will be through our united dedication, teamwork, and collaboration, that students reach their accomplishments. As a family, we will ensure that your children meet the profile of a College and Career Ready graduate. Students will be instilled with world-class knowledge and skills, but also develop life skills, and character to excel in their careers ahead.