

Mission

The mission of Lugoff-Elgin Middle School, in partnership with parents and community, is to prepare all students to excel; to encourage self-discipline, which will promote student self-worth; and to develop thinking skills by providing a challenging, safe, and caring school climate in which students can become productive citizens who can succeed in a global society.

About this Report

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Lugoff-Elgin Middle School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed, you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2014-2015, as well as the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Karen Bullard at 803-438-3591.

AWARDS

- ◆ South Carolina's First National Forum School to Watch 2007; Redesignated I in 2010; Redesignated II in 2013
- ◆ Palmetto's Finest
- ◆ Palmetto Gold & Silver Awards
- ◆ 10 National Board Certified Teachers
- ◆ Top School Relay for Life Team
- ◆ District winners in all grades for Superintendent's Writing Award
- ◆ 2014 District Reading Teacher of the Year

PROMISING PRACTICES

Be Great Academy
Teacher Advisory Group
High School Mentors
Interdisciplinary Units
Technology Integration
Oratorical Contest
Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
Student Council
Intervention Classes in Math and ELA
Leopard Student Ambassadors
6th Grade Parent/Student Orientation
Safe School Ambassadors
Girl Power Club
Girls on Track
Leopard of the Month
Lunch Book Club
Partners in Education
SEAGUL (Gifted/Talented Program)
Co-Teaching
Friends of Rachel Club

LUGOFF-ELGIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Report to Parents
2014-2015



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School Improvement Goals

Improve SCPASS ELA scores with an emphasis on literacy

- SPOT schedule will be used to focus on literacy and math skills based on ACT Aspire results and weaknesses in student performance.
- MAP tests will be administered to all students twice a year to determine strengths/weaknesses in ELA and Mathematics.
- All teachers will incorporate writing across the curriculum.

Improve performance of students with special needs in all academic areas.

- Staff will ensure that IEPs are written based on individualized student needs.
- Testing data will be utilized to individualize instruction.
- Mainstreaming opportunities will be provided through co-teaching.

Improve parental involvement

- Parent coffees, PTO and SIC meetings and other community events such as Turkey Supper and Parent Universities will be offered.

Plans for 2015-2016

Literacy Plan

Literacy will remain a focus through the development of a comprehensive literacy plan, including RTI (Response to Intervention). The plan will ensure continuity for all grade levels and subjects.

New South Carolina Math and ELA Standards

Teachers will prepare lessons and assessments that are aligned with the new SC Standards. In math, students will be exposed to higher order thinking skills and advanced mathematic concepts. In ELA, students will write argumentative essays, develop listening skills, and become stronger speakers.

PBIS/SPOT

We will continue with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports as we use SPOT to improve behaviors at LEMS. SPOT is an acronym for Show respect, Practice safety, Organize yourself, and Take responsibility. Through SPOT, discipline referrals were reduced by 55% over a two-year period. Tier II interventions will continue with celebrations, quarterly training, and individualized student training.

Co-Teaching

We will continue with co-teaching in the Reading and Mathematics curriculum. We will increase the number of classes to expand the opportunity for the special needs populations to be mainstreamed.

School Report Card Summary

Absolute Rating: Excellent
Growth Rating: Average
ESEA Rating: B
Student enrollment: 657
Student attendance rate: 96%
Teacher attendance rate: 94%
Student/teacher ratio: 25:1
Percent free & reduced lunch: 46%
Percent parents attending conferences: 98%



Principal's Vision

My vision for Lugoff-Elgin Middle School is one of promise, possibilities, and potential for EVERY student. Every child at LEMS was created for a purpose. Every student is "at promise" and is at the brink of a future full of possibilities. Every student has potential waiting to be developed and groomed. Working together with parents and the school community, we can instill in our students a desire to reach their potential.