

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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1551 Billings Drive
Lancaster, SC 29720

**REPORT TO THE PEOPLE
2022 - 2023**



OUR GOAL

Increase school-home, school- community relationships by increasing communication with our parents, community members, and stakeholders through diverse methods and opportunities for school participation.

WE OFFER

- Small Group Instruction
- Chromebooks for 1 to 1 instruction
- Student Council
- Junior Beta Club
- National Junior Honors Society
- Honor Choir/Chorus
- Lancaster County Arts Banner Project
- iLEAD
- District-Wide STEAM Initiative
- ESOL After School Program
- Peer Mediation
- Cross Curricular Planning
- SPARK
- 21st Century
- International Welcome Center
- Workshop Model
- MTSS/Intervention



SMS BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
- SPRINGDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST CITIZENS
- GENELLES BOUTIQUE
- SUBWAY
- FOOD LION
- ZAXBY'S
- JOYFUL PURPOSE MINISTRY
- SPRING HILL BAPTIST
- MACKAY FAMILY PRACTICE
- TROPLEX
- NUTRAMAX
- FLAVOR FACTORY



OUR LEADERSHIP

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About Our School



At South Middle School our motto is, "Be. Be Real. Be You. Be South." We are a family and South lives up to this motto daily as it serves a diverse and ever evolving student population. South currently serves 538 students with one of the most diverse populations in the district at 50% African American, 29% white, 14% Hispanic, 1% American Indian, and 5% other. South serves grades 6-8 with 34% 6th grade students, 33% in 7th grade, and 34% 8th grade students. South also boasts a staff comprised of teachers and support staff from various ethnic and racial backgrounds, countries, and cultures.

We believe at South that It takes a "family" to reach and educate our students. Teachers work using the middle school model of teaming to ensure that students are met both academically and social-emotionally. At South we offer a variety of avenues for students to pursue their interest while they develop the needed skill to be successful beyond middle school. Students are afforded the opportunity to grow through clubs, organized sports, academic competition, extended school day opportunities, and leadership responsibilities.

The staff at South Middle School are continually working to evolve in their teaching craft to meet the needs of the 21st Century Learner. Teachers participate in school-wide professional development, continued education courses, graduate studies, as well as small group planning to create new methods for reaching all students. South utilizes the workshop model as a part of the MTSS process to identify the individual needs of students and to monitor individual student progress.

South knows the importance of community and parent involvement. SMS is working towards creating and tackling goals to better serve and inform the parents and community it serves while also maintaining strong, on-going partnerships. South sees the next year as a time of renewal and growth where we can grow the school community we know will promote and build excellent Mustangs!

