

# Laurens Middle School Annual School Improvement Report to the Parents 2023 - 2024



## SIC Annual Goals

THE GOALS OF THE 2023-2024 LMS SIC FOCUSED ON IMPROVING SCHOOL SAFETY AND CULTURE, INSTRUCTION, COMMUNICATION, AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT.

### Goal 1: Provide world-class safety and a positive school culture

- Daily use of metal detectors
- Full-time Laurens City Police Department School Resource Officer
- Staff training on "Stop the Bleed" and use of tourniquets
- Monthly and semester emergency drills using "I Love You Guys" standard response protocol
- Monthly school-wide safety assessments
- Identification of LMS core values
- Celebrations and recognitions of positive behavior
- Implementation of "Say Something" anonymous reporting system

### Goal 2: Provide world-class, high-quality instruction to increase student achievement

- Learning Walks conducted by the Instructional Leadership Team
- Feedback sessions with teachers following observations and learning walks
- Professional Learning Communities and Grade Level Meetings
- School and District Professional Development
- Planning sessions with Instructional Coach
- Discussions around data with Instructional Leadership Team
- Celebrations of student and staff achievements

### Goal 3: Provide world-class communication and family engagement

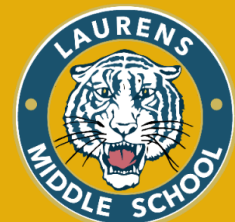
- Weekly phone blasts to parents
- Regular use of Facebook to highlight school events and achievements
- Weekly staff newsletters
- Parent Events: Open House, 6th Grade Orientation, Title I Meeting
- Community Partnerships: Lunch & Learn, Greenville Drive, Laurens Public Library

## Purpose of the SIC Report

This report is issued by the Laurens Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the S.I.C., and other accomplishments during the school year.

## LMS SIC Members:

- Rebecca Corley, Teacher
- Clay Cotney, Principal
- Richard Fortner, Parent
- Mary Fortune, Community Member
- Doug Hendrick, Community Member
- Emily Parks, Asst. Principal
- Courtney Snow, Parent Member
- Hannah Tucker, Teacher
- Michael Waldrop, Teacher of the Year



# School Achievements and Programs Offered

- Athletics: Girls and Boys Basketball, Cheerleading, Football, Volleyball
- Academic Team
- High School courses offered: Algebra I, Computer Science, Geometry, Honors English I, Intro to Engineering, Spanish I
- AVID elective classes
- Gateway to Technology classes through Project Lead the Way
- 8th Grade Volunteer Opportunities
- Lego Robotics Team
- Gifted & Talented Academic program
- 21st Century after school program
- After school tutoring program
- Visual Arts, Strings, Band, and Chorus programs
- Gifted & Talented Art program
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Student Council
- iRIZE Mentorship and Drug Prevention program
- Girls of Greatness Club
- The Boys Club
- MakerSpace activities in the Media Center
- National Jr. Honor Society
- Student Volunteer Flag Crew
- Participation in the Greenville Drive Reading All-Stars Program
- Participation in Michelin STEM annual competition
- STEM Saturday opportunities
- Academic & Behavioral incentive programs
- Career Development Program with Lunch & Learn opportunities
- School-wide participation in Red Ribbon Week, Read Across America, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Black History Month
- Partnership with the Joe Adair Outdoor Education Center and TEAM Ecology participation



## Student Achievement

During the 2023-2024 school year, Laurens Middle School focused on high-quality instruction to improve student achievement. Students took the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test three times throughout the year to measure the progress of their learning. During the 2023-2024 school year, the following gains were made from Fall to Spring according to MAP results:

### MAP Reading

Fall to Spring

+5.1 average point growth in 6th grade

+6.3 average point growth in 7th grade

+7.4 average point growth in 8th grade



### MAP Math

Fall to Spring

+5.5 average point growth in 6th grade

+4.8 average point growth in 7th grade

+5.1 average point growth in 8th grade