



LAURENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual School Improvement Report to the Parents

2021-2022

Empowering and Inspiring All to be Educated and Informed

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PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL 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.

SIC Annual Goals

The goals of the 2021-2022 LMS SIC focused on improving school safety, instruction, and accountability.

- We have a new SRO, Officer Lewis Gambrell, from the City of Laurens Police Department, who is on campus each day. Our faculty and staff have had training on emergency actions and training on the Rave Mobile Safety app.
- All classes at LMS have a morning academy/community time built into their schedules which provides time for students to receive additional enrichment from their teachers, time for SEL lessons to foster social/emotional development, and time to make up missing work or to read for pleasure. Free after-school tutoring is available to all students two afternoons each week, and the thriving 21st Century After School Program is always at capacity. This year, Laurens Middle School received funding for two new positions: an Academic Interventionist and an MTSS Specialist.
- Accountability – Teachers at LMS participate in weekly professional learning communities. This year the focus is on improving the 4.0 rubric. Teachers have engaged in peer observations, as well as participated in learning walks. The learning walks help improve instruction and identify school-wide content delivery trends.

Laurens Middle School welcomes parents/guardians and the community to be involved in our school! Visit our website for information about school events and visit www.laurens55.org for information on how to become a volunteer in our school district. You can find this information on the Laurens School District 55's webpage under "Department/Sections."

Student Achievement

During the 2021-2022 school year, Laurens Middle School focused on academic recovery, academic growth, and overall academic excellence.

Students take Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in Reading and Math three times each year to measure the progress of their learning.

During the 2021-2022 school year, the following gains were made from fall to winter MAP testing:

Reading:

- +6.2 RIT score growth in 6th graders
- +4.4 RIT score growth in 7th graders
- +8.0 RIT score growth in 8th graders

Math:

- +4.7 RIT score growth in 6th graders
- +3.8 RIT score growth in 7th graders
- +4.6 RIT score growth in 8th graders

For more information, you may view Laurens Middle’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.



School Achievements and Programs Offered

- Athletics – basketball, football, cheerleading, and volleyball
- Academic Team
- High school credits offered in Algebra I, Honors English I, Computer Science, and Spanish I
- MakerSpace activities in our school library
- 8th grade ProTeam class through CERRA
- AVID elective classes
- National Junior Honor Society
- 21st Century After School Program
- Before and after school tutoring programs
- Lego Robotics Team
- Gateway to Technology classes through Project Lead the Way
- School recycling team
- Student volunteer flag crew
- Participated in The Greenville Drive Reading All-Stars program with 287,943 pages read schoolwide
- Score Big/Win Big – academic incentive program
- Terrific Tiger Tickets – student recognition with positive phone calls home
- Visual arts, strings, choral, and band programs
- Schoolwide Spirit Weeks and student body pep rallies
- FIDO – student reward program for academics and positive behavior each nine weeks
- Active Student Council
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Career Development Program with an active 8th grade Career Lunch & Learn program
- Schoolwide participation in Read Across America
- Little Free Library on campus

