

2012-2013 Report to the People  
**Sanders Middle School**  
**On Time, On Task, and On Target with Respect**

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George M. Ward, Principal

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***Winner of the Palmetto Silver Award for Academic Achievement***

***Tri-District Academic Challenge Team Winners***

***State Book Banner Award First Place***

*The mission of Sanders Middle School, in partnership with our community, is to foster an environment that challenges and empowers students to reach their full academic and social potential by providing challenging curriculum, celebrating diversity, promoting respect, and fostering responsible citizenship.*

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### **English and Language Arts (ELA)**

- Read 180 Classrooms provide integrated technology in ELA classes. Students work on their own levels.
- ELA teachers work very hard with the students on literacy.
- We have a reading tutor to assist with struggling readers.
- Integrated lessons with other subject areas.
- We have dedicated efforts toward information literacy and cultivating lifelong readers and learners.

### **Science**

- Science classes utilize science kits for hands-on experiences.
- Science teachers meet monthly with other middle school science teachers throughout the district for staff development.
- Integrated lessons with other subject areas.
- Benchmark testing

### **Montessori Education (6-8) & CHAMPS**

#### **Other Activities**

- Visual Arts
- Band
- Strings
- Computer Lab
- Chorus
- Physical Education
- Field Trips

#### **School Initiatives**

- Making Middle Grades Work
- Renaissance/ Yearbook Staff
- Truancy Prevention
- Sanders Stars
- MAP Testing
- Drama Club/ Art Shows
- Monthly Superstars Rewards

### **Math**

- We utilize the Connected Math Curriculum to provide hands-on activities and to make math relevant to the students.
- The I Can Learn classroom utilizes technology to provide self-paced instruction for the students.
- Math teachers meet monthly with other middle school math teachers throughout the district for staff development.
- Integrated lessons with other subject areas.

### **Social Studies**

- Social Studies classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards to integrate technology.
- Integrated lessons with other subject areas.
- Benchmark testing

### **Guidance**

- Career Fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to local colleges
- IGP conferences

### **Extracurricular**

- Academic Team
- National Junior Honor Society
- Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Cheerleading
- Student Council

### **Initiatives Continued**

- After School Program (21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant)
- No Book Left Unread
- The Weekly Buzz TV Program
- Career Lunch and Learn

