

Clinton Middle School

2021-22 Report to Parents & Community

Our Accomplishments

Students scoring Meets or Exceeds on 2020-21 SC READY ELA increased 4.6% from 2018-19.

Students scoring Meets or Exceeds on 2020-21 SC READY Math increased 2.6% from 2018-19.

Students scoring Meets or Exceeds on 2020-21 SC PASS Science increased 1.5% from 2018-19.

Clinton Middle School Science Olympiad Team won 2022 State Championship.

Clinton Middle School Academic Challenge Team won the WPEC division and finished 2nd in the state.

Richard Santiago chosen as an All-State Band member.

Nearly 400 students served through the after-school Wildcat Academy program.

Opportunity for students to take up to five classes (English I, Algebra I, Discovering Computer Science, Spanish I, and AP Human Geography) for high school credit

Creation of Middle School Parenting series with Dr. Brooke Spatta from Presbyterian College.



Mission Statement

The mission statement of Clinton Middle School is to foster a safe learning environment that values the importance of teaching and learning in such a way that not only are we able to educate the whole child, but we also can create learning experiences that prepare our students for their journeys beyond Clinton Middle School.

Beliefs

The faculty and staff of Clinton Middle School are committed to the following beliefs:

- The academic, social, and emotional growth of each student is vital to our school.
- We are a community of not only students, but also teachers and staff who are invested in the growth and development of students.
- Our school works best when students take ownership of their learning, their behaviors, and building our school culture.
- We aim to create a safe environment that protects students, values the learning environment, and promotes a growth mindset for all.
- We are committed to preparing students for life-long learning that will enable them to succeed in our building, at the high school level, and in a world beyond Clinton Middle School.

Our SIC Members

Elana Jenkins
Parent

Christy Casey
Teacher

Audrey Sanford
Parent

Jana Wood
Teacher

Holly Cook
Parent

Sharnecee Wilson
Community Member

Schea Workman
Parent

Chip Cooper
Community Member

Livia Johnson
Parent

Dena Messer
Community Member

Tara Glenn
Parent

Brandon Page
Community Member

Annette Lee
Parent

Ami Vaughn
Administrator

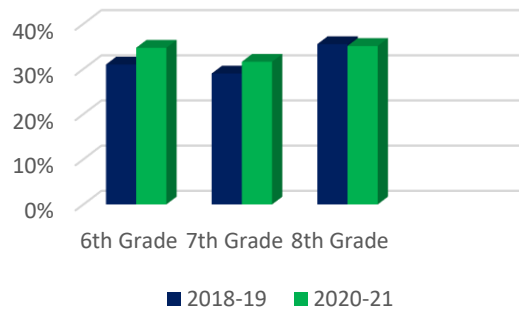
Tiara Winton
Teacher



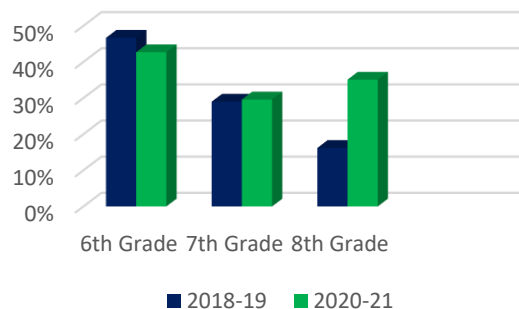
2020-21 State Testing Data

Clinton Middle School resumed SC-READY and SC-PASS testing in 2020-21 for the first time since 2018-19. Please see below for a comparison of student achievement in the first round of state testing post-COVID.

Students Scoring Meets/Exceeds on SC-READY ELA



Students Scoring Meets/Exceeds on SC-READY Math



2021-22 Teacher of the Year

The 2021-22 Teacher of the Year for Clinton Middle School was Jay Wilson, an 8th Grade Social Studies teacher.

Coach Wilson has taught at Clinton Middle School for four years. He has two children, Hannah, who is also an educator, and Davis, who is graduating from Clinton High School this year. He is married to Tanya. Coach Wilson also is the head middle school football coach.

Administrative Team

Jeff Parks	Principal
John Lapomarda	8 th Grade AP
Michael Randall	7 th Grade AP
Ami Vaughn	6 th Grade AP
Kyleigh Harrell	Instructional Coach
Sonya Atkinson	Guidance Counselor
Erica Coats	Guidance Counselor

The slogan of Laurens School District 56 is that the Experience Matters! For Clinton Middle School, it is more than a slogan. It is a commitment that is rooted in a rich tradition of educating the whole child. Opportunities abound for Wildcats as an emphasis is placed on growing students academically, athletically, and in the arts. Through the commitment to the experience, students can connect to their interests, grow as individuals, and be challenged to reach their full potential!

Meeting the academic needs of students is at the core of the mission of Clinton Middle School. For our staff, a commitment to equity means meeting every student where they are in their academic journey. Teachers at Clinton Middle School are committed to delivering instruction in the core subjects that challenges each student. However, there also is an opportunity to grow through the CAT (Challenging Academic Time) period that is tailored to a student's individualized needs. This can be found through additional support in ELA or Math, as well as through enrichment opportunities in classes such as Project Based Learning and Public Speaking.

Clinton Middle School takes pride in the arts offerings that are provided to students. Chorus, Band, Theatre, and Art all tap into the extraordinary artistic talents of Clinton Middle School students. A deeper dive into the Fine Arts program allows students to take Art classes such as Textiles and Ceramics. Another benefit provided to the Clinton Middle School is a platform by which to showcase their talents. District arts showcases display these talents as do winter and spring concerts, regional and state competitions, and other public performances.

The rich legacy of athletic accomplishment in Laurens School District 56 finds seeds that are planted at Clinton Middle School. Middle school students in grades 7 and 8 have the chance to play football, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, and sideline cheer in the Wildcat uniform. The close relationship with Clinton High School provides access to sports such as track, cross country, girls and boys soccer, softball, and baseball as a Red Devil student-athlete!

Extracurriculars are vital to the development of the whole student. The Clinton Middle School Science Olympiad Team won the 2022 State Championship! The Clinton Middle School Academic Challenge Team won the WPEC division and finished second in the state! These opportunities, as well as the Wildcat Academy, are available to all students in grades 6 through 8. The Wildcat Academy offers not only face-to-face and virtual tutoring, but also enrichment courses like Creative Writing, Cooking with Science, Drum Corp, and Girls Who Code!

The experience matters! For Clinton Middle School students, the experience is lived in classrooms, their artistic endeavors, their athletic pursuits, and the extracurricular possibilities that are available to them each day!