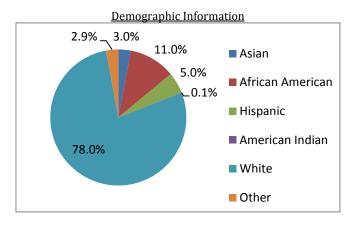
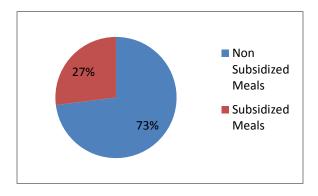
## **Statistical Overview**



#### Students Receiving Subsidized Meals



# **Achievement Data**

Grades 6-8

**SCReady** 

|               | English | Math |  |
|---------------|---------|------|--|
| Exceeds       | 20      | 25   |  |
| Meets         | 35      | 27   |  |
| Approaches    | 31      | 33   |  |
| Does Not Meet | 11      | 15   |  |

#### **SCPASS**

|               | Social Studies | Science |
|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Exemplary/Met | 85             | 80      |
| Not Met       | 15             | 20      |

# Special thanks to our 2016-2017 School Improvement Council:

Members: Mr. Fran Halloran, Mr. Matthew O'Hara, Mr. Michael Ward, Mrs. Mandy Bowden, Mrs. Stephanie Cope, Mrs. Jane Waters, Mr. Kevin Mulligan, Mrs. Alyson Shirer, Mr. Ed Pearce, Mrs. Laura McCombs and Mrs. Anne Stewart

**Teachers:** Ms. Lyn Hamilton, Mrs. Lauren LaVenia

Administration: Mrs. Gloria Nester

PTO President: Mrs. Jenny Burkholder

Lexington Middle School Mission Statement:

Inspiring, preparing, and empowering students to make their world a better place.

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# THE LEXINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

An International Baccalaureate World School

INSPIRE · PREPARE · EMPOWER

Gloria Nester, Principal Brendan Cafferty, Assistant Principal Laura Peterson, Assistant Principal Mike Sheley, Assistant Principal

2016-2017 SIC Report to Parents

It has been an eventful year at Lexington Middle School as we continue to inspire, prepare, and empower our students to make their world a better place. This year, our school was recognized for innovative and rock solid instructional practices. In October, dignitaries from TransformSC, an education initiative of the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness, visited our school, and we were commended as a model of the vision for South Carolina education. In November, the International Baccalaureate (IB) came into our classrooms, interviewed parents, students, teachers, and district stakeholders and recognized the work our school does to promote high levels of student achievement. As a result, we were authorized as an IB Middle Years Program World School, joining a global community of schools committed to developing knowledgeable, caring young people who will be ready to negotiate their futures successfully.

By focusing this year on designing, launching, promoting, and providing transformative practices in instruction and assessment through IB Units of study, we helped our students develop the world-class knowledge, skills and characteristics described by the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Our students experience a rich curriculum guided by the South Carolina standards and the International Baccalaureate Objectives and Assessment Criteria and delivered through transformative practices in the classroom. Our academic performance earned us the state's highest rating, Palmetto Gold. Our students qualified for prestigious programs such as Duke TIP, SC Junior Scholar, and the National Beta Club. These measures along with nationally normed data from standardized tests tell us that our students continue to thrive academically at our school.

At Lexington Middle, we identify and measure student development in specific skills and tools for learning known as Approaches to Learning. Our students apply their skills in school and through their amazing accomplishments in extracurricular activities. Our athletic teams played hard and embraced team spirit with our Volleyball team earning the title of PAC Champions, our Football team earning the title of PAC Co-Champions, and our Cheerleading team taking the State Championship. LMS also sent a team of 11 to the Special Olympics. Our arts programs also shined with students recognized for their talents through participation in District Honor and Region Orchestra, SC Youth Philharmonic, District Honor Choir, District Honor Band, District Honor Art, Artsonia Artist of the Week, and our Musical Theatre productions. Our Lexington Middle Dance Company, in only its second year of existence, placed 1st twice in the statewide competition.

At Lexington Middle School, our students commit to service in our community. Our students carried out and participated in the Pulsera Project, Thankful Tom, the Shoe Box Holiday Gift preparation, LICS food drive, Relay for Life and many more community projects that impact our world in a positive manner locally and globally.

Our students also continue to seek opportunities that connect them to their world. For the seventeenth consecutive year, our students participated in an international exchange with students from Claremont, France. Additionally, a group of over 20 students led by three teachers traveled to Spain and Italy to expand their knowledge of how the ancient world influenced modern western culture.

Lexington Middle School is dedicated to a culture of excellence for all of our students. We are proud that our students are trailblazers who are inspired, prepared, and empowered to change their world and bound for transforming South Carolina.

# **AWARDS & HONORS**

- 2016-2017 Authorized International Baccalaureate World School
- International Baccalaureate Candidate 2014-15
- Palmetto's Finest Finalist 2015-2016
- Palmetto Gold 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2016-2017
- 5 Year Ratings 2011 Excellent, 2012 Excellent, 2013 Excellent, 2014 Excellent
- RAMP Award 2012-15; 2017-2022

#### **ACADEMICS:**

- Duke Tip Awards State Finalists: 3 students
- Palmetto Junior Scholars: 41students
- Junior Classical League: 3<sup>rd</sup> in State at the Spring Forum Competition
- Teacher of the Year: Ivey Homer, District Teacher of the Year Finalist
- Apple Distinguished Educators (ADA) Class of 2017: Meghan Blackburn
- 2016 Fall Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grant Award Winner: Tim Monreal
- 2016 Spring Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grant Award Winner: Sara Hanle

#### **ATHLETICS:**

- Football PAC: PAC Co-Champions West Division
- Boys Basketball: 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Girls Basketball: 4th place
- Volleyball: PAC Champions
- LMS Competition Cheer Team: 2016 Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic Champions

### <u>ARTS:</u>

#### \*Band

- Region Band: 11 students
- All State Band: 1 student
- Tri-DAC: 5 students
- SCBDA Concert Festival: Superior Rating
- Charleston Music Festival Superior Rating, Outstanding Low Brass Award

#### \*Chorus

- Superior Ranking from State Performance Assessment for 6th and 8th Grade Chorus groups
- District Honor Choir Participants: 5 students
- Tri-DAC: 7 students
- Carowinds Festival of Music: 3rd place

#### \*Drama

Tri-DAC Theater: 3 students

#### \*Orchestra

- 2017 SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment: 2 Excellent Ratings
- 2016 Carowinds Festival of Music: Superior Rating
- 2017 Lexington 1 District Honors Orchestra: 13 students
- 2016 SCMEA Region III Junior Orchestra: 1 student
- 2016 SCMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival: 4 Superior and 1 Excellent
- 2017 Tri-District Consortium Summer Strings Program: 1 student
- 2017 SC Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities Summer Discover Program: 1 student Layla Chasteen
- SC Philharmonic Youth Repertory Orchestra: 1 student
- SC Philharmonic Youth Strings Orchestra: 1 student

#### \*Visual Arts

- Tri-DAC: 4 students
- Artsonia Artist of the Week: Dylan Huff
- Lexington 1 Honors Art Program: 15 students

#### **COMMUNITY**:

- Student Council: 12 members; raised \$134.00 Harvest Hope, \$305.00 Make-A-Wish
- Math Counts: 6 members
- BETA Club: 238 members Over 500 hours of community service.
- CIA Club: 15 members Hosted Lexington One Community Coalition Summit – Middle School – 80 students
- 2016-2017: Relay for Life- \$7,500
- 2015-2016 Relay For Life Top Ten Teams: Ivey Homer, Charlene Jones, Gloria Nester
- 2016 Miss South Carolina Pre-Teen: Skye Wilson
- Bass Fishing Club: 30 members
- Co-Ed Run Hard: 20 students
- 2016 Spring Run Hard Championship: Logan Goodwin 1st place 6th Grade
- Special Olympics: 15 participating in events 32 students attending. State House Rally: 18 students

Principal Gloria Nester and SIC Chair Jane Waters