

SIC REPORT TO PARENTS

2025-26



GILBERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**Where students
Belong, Grow and
Serve**

South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual Report to the Parents highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. The report is developed by the School Improvement Council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Stephanie Burgess - Principal
Larry "Bucky" Stroud - Assistant Principal
Harriet Coker - Parent, Chair
Megan Jaco - Parent, Vice Chair
Meredith Yarborough - Parent, Secretary
John Nix - Community Member
Mark Sanders - Community Member
Peggy Haertel - Faculty Member
Melissa Juergens - Faculty Member

Accolades and Accomplishments

- GMS Teacher of the Year, - Madame Celine Miller, French teacher
- Our Spanish Immersion Programs currently serve 133 students.
- Three of our 8th graders were identified as Junior Scholars for their PSAT scores.
- One of our 7th graders was recognized for his perfect score on Math SCReady in 2025.
- Ongoing campus beautification which included a gym mural, flags and banners around campus, re-opening of our gym concession stand, vinyl decor, and new campus signage to improve the atmosphere for all on campus.
- Our Huddle focused on individual student data conversations to set goals and increase student achievement throughout the year.
- Student Life activities focused this year on fostering positive relationships among our students. Events included a Homecoming dance, field day activities, and Club Days for all students.
- Our Student Council hosted several events including Donuts with Grown-ups, Pep Rallies for Fall and Spring Sports, multiple Spirit Weeks, our annual Holiday concert, Valentine's Day Dance, Sidewalk Art Show, in addition to serving as tour guides for our rising 6th graders. Our Student Council was also awarded the Gold Honor Council by the SC Association of Student Councils at State Convention. Our Student Council President was awarded the Terry McCoy Hall of Fame Award for outstanding leadership at State Convention. One of our 7th graders has been named 2nd Vice Chair for the State Convention.
- In addition to checking out books, our Library has been the heart of our school this year in many ways. Some of the events hosted were Penny Wars, Candy-Grams, Souper Bowl, Oreo Madness Brackets, Ice Cream Snackets, Hot Cocoa Bar, Lemonade Bar, Traveling Trunks, Beanstack Reading Challenge, a Book Fair, daily Library Lounge, and even coordinated field studies for all grade levels.
- Teachers were part of Professional Learning Communities in all content areas as well as vertical department and district-content teams. These teams participated in over 200 whole faculty Learning Walks and Department Lead Teacher Learning Walks as we learn from each other.
- A new Broadcasting Huddle was implemented to produce a student-led biweekly broadcast for our student body. This has been a weekly highlight!
- Our teachers received both a Robotics Grant and an Innovation Grant this year.
- Our Library received a grant from the SC Council on the Holocaust to purchase books.
- Gilbert Middle served as the Host school for Lexington District 1 Middle School Special Olympics.

Academic Achievements

% of Students at or Above Grade Level

iReady Reading	6th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Fall	26	27	29
Winter	24	39	34
Spring	36	37	40
+/-	+10	+10	+11

iReady Math	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Fall	23	22	19
Winter	40	33	206
Spring	45	39	32
+/-	+22	+17	+13

Athletic Participation



Football: 83 middle school athletes played for GMS with 10 participating on the freshmen team at GHS. We had 2 all-conference selections.



Volleyball: 18 girls participated in GMS Volleyball. We had one all-conference selection.



Cheer: We had 11 athletes cheer for both middle school and JV teams.



Wrestling: GMS had 18 athletes participating in Middle School Wrestling.



Golf: Gilbert Middle had 9 golfers on our team this year.



Lacrosse: We had 13 athletes compete for Gilbert High this year.



Softball: We had 7 athletes playing softball for Gilbert High this year.



Baseball: Gilbert Middle had 22 athletes competing for Gilbert High School.



Soccer: Gilbert middle had 14 male athletes and 10 female competing for Gilbert High School.



Track: GMS Boy's Track team had 30 athletes while Girl's Track had 29 athletes on our Middle School Track team.



Basketball: GMS had 25 male athletes play and 4 compete for the freshmen team at GHS, earning 3 all-conference awards and an all-tournament award. They won the consolation bracket at the Ellen Sellars Memorial Basketball tournament. GMS had 13 female athletes play and one played Varsity for GHS. They had one all-conference selection.



Archery: GMS had 25 athletes competing in Archery. They participated in multiple tournaments, including state. They will be going to Nationals this year.

Arts and Agriculture Participation



Chorus:

- 22 in Middle School Honor Choir
- 3 in SC ACDA State Honor Choir
- Superior Rating with Distinction at CPA



Band

- 8 in Lex 1 Honor Band
- 5 in SCBDA Region 2 Honor Band
- 1 in SCBDA All-state Band
- Superior Rating at CPA



Orchestra:

- 1 student in District Honors Orchestra



Theater

- Successful production of Freaky Friday
- 3 students selected for the District 24-hour musical



Art

- 10 Honors Art participants



Agriculture

- 2025 National Superior Chapter Award
- 1st place in State Agriscience fair
- Bronze at National FFA Convention
- 5th in regional Tool ID Event
- State Tool ID qualifier
- 2nd in regional Creed Speaking
- State Competition Qualifier