



**2023 - 2024**

# **SIC REPORT TO FAMILIES**

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## ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- Arts in the Basic Curriculum Certified School and Grant Recipient
- Musical Theatre productions of Frozen Jr. for 7th and 8th grade casts; Lion King Kids for 6th grade cast
- 6th Grade Arts Extravaganza evening presentation
- Winter and Spring Arts Showcase performance for Art, Theatre, Dance, and Creative Writing at LOPAC
- Dance Team SCDA (State) Champions in Jazz, Hip Hop, and Pom for the 3rd year in a row
- Theatre students placed at SC Speech and Theatre State Competition with 3 first place, 1 second place, and 3 third place finishes, as well as 21 students receiving Superior ratings in 8 categories at the SC Junior Thespian Festival
- Orchestra students selected for: Lex I District Honors Orchestra (13), SCMEA Region Orchestra (5), SCMEA All-State Orchestra (1), Tri-Dac (6)

% of Students At or Above Grade Level

i-Ready Reading	6	7	8
Fall	47	46	50
Winter	58	51	51
Spring	62	59	56
* +/-	+9	+4	+7

\* (Loss or Growth from 2022-2023)

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, INITIATIVES, & AWARDS

- Excellent SC School Report Card Rating for 22-23
- Named a “2024 Best Middle School” by US News and World Report
- PHMS Teacher of the Year, Mallory Huffstetler, and Staff Member of the Year, Bryan Hall
- SC PTA Midlands District Teacher of the Year, Liz Ann Antolick, and Staff Member of the Year, Beth Edens
- German and Spanish Immersion programs; 2024 STAMP assessment scores higher than district middle school average; 2nd Annual World Language Night for students and their families
- 8th Grade “Turning Points in US History” Exhibition; 6th Grade Interdisciplinary ELA/World History Project
- WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program in which identified 8th grade students act as mentors for 6th graders in middle school transition
- Year 2 of Fall and Spring Student-Led Conferences in which students share presentation of personal goals and data with families
- 100% students participation in school clubs and/or organizations
- PTSA activities for students, including Halloween Dance, Fun Lunch, Hang Out at the Hill, and 8th Grade Semi-formal, and activities for teachers, including teacher treats, appreciation meals, and classroom/club grants
- Teacher Professional Learning Communities in grade level content areas and in vertical department teams; Cougar Forum, teacher-led and facilitated faculty meetings
- Whole Faculty Learning Walk and Department Lead Teacher Learning Walk Observations

% of Students At or Above Grade Level

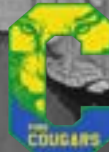
i-Ready Math	6	7	8
Fall	46	33	29
Winter	60	40	37
Spring	63	46	39
* +/-	+2	+3	same

\* (Loss or Growth from 2022-2023)

## ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lex 10 Region Champions in Girls Basketball for 2nd year in a row
- 1st place for BHP Invitational and Tomahawk Cheer Classic in Cheerleading
- Lex 10 Region 1st place finish in Track for:
  - Girls: 800m run
  - Boys: 100m dash      1600m run  
200m dash.      4x100m relay  
400m dash

**BE COMMITTED.**



**BE CARING.**



**BE COURAGEOUS.**

