

# MID-CAROLINA MIDDLE SCHOOL 2024-2025 SIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS



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Mid-Carolina Middle School, a rural school located on Highway US 76 in Newberry County, serves as a centralized location for middle school students feeding from three elementary schools in its attendance area for the School District of Newberry County. We are approximately thirty minutes from the Columbia area and 15 minutes from downtown Newberry. Mid-Carolina Middle School is composed of 515 students in grades 6 through 8, 70 faculty and staff members with 4 National Board Certified Staff.

# Mission

To create a safe and engaging learning environment that challenges all scholars.

# Vision

To empower our scholars to maintain a growth mindset as they face future challenges.

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## MID-CAROLINA MIDDLE SCHOOL

# ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- Redesignated National School to Watch
- 2024 Good SC Report Card Rating
- SC State Beta Award Winners
- Junior Scholars
- Making Middle Grades Work
- 7 Mindsets School
- Live to Give-Community Service Projects:
  - o Pomaria Food Bank
  - o Angel Tree
- Hispanic Heritage, Veterans Day, Black History Month Recognition Programs
- Student Field Trip Scholarships
- Special Incentives:
  - o Principal's Honor Roll
  - o A-B Honor Roll
- Archery Team Qualified for the State Archery Tournament
- Enrichment Celebration
- MCMS Rebels of the Month
- Teacher and Support Staff of the Month
- Praise a Rebel Student and Staff Recognition
- Positive Behavior Celebrations
- Rebel to Rebel Shout-out
- Students participated in the SDNC District Musical - Finding Nemo
- MCMS Band earned a Excellent at SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment



#### 2023-2024 MCMS SC School Report Card (Link)

2023-2024 Achievement Data

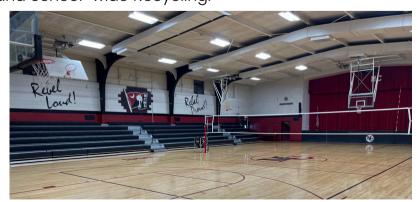
- SC Ready ELA
  - 59.8% Meets or Exceeds
- SC Ready Math
  - 45.2% Meets or Exceeds
- SC Ready Science
  - Not Rated in 2023-2024
- Multilingual Learner
  - 30.8% Met Annual Progress

MCMS uses the team approach and the 7 Mindsets Social Emotional Learning to better facilitate learning and build positive relationships with students. You will find a caring and supportive faculty and staff who pride themselves on successful student achievement. We believe parents, students, community members, and educational staff must work together to best attain a quality education.



### Student Programs at MCMS

WMCMS Student Morning News Show, Honors
English I, Honors Algebra I, Accelerated 6th & 7th grade
math and ELA, PLTW Classes, Whole School Enrichment,
Band, Chorus, ESOL, Art, SAC (Student Advisory
Council), Catch-up Café, After-school tutoring, READY
Time, Read 180, School-wide Clubs, One Book One
School, Job Shadowing, Academic Success
Assemblies, Parent Institutes, 7 Mindsets, Birthday
Recognitions, School-wide Live to Give/Community
Service Projects, 7 Mindsets, Mentoring Groups, ROTC,
and School-wide Recycling.



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#### Extracurricular Activities:

Beta Club, Color Guard, Marching Band, Be Great Academy, Project Lead the Way Club, Academic Bowl Team, Volleyball, Wrestling, Tennis, Golf, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Track and Field, Swimming, Football, Cheerleading, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Archery Team, Baseball, and Soccer.









# WHAT'S WORKING AT MCMS

- Teaming concept
- Interdisciplinary Units
- Organized binders for all students, agendas, and IDs
- Read 180 Class
- READY Time in the mornings
- Catch-up Café at lunch
- After School assistance provided by teachers
- Continue to implement practices from the Making Middle Grades Work initiative
- Incorporate curriculum events that strengthen positive relationships between home and school
- Utilize communication tools:
   School website, Thrillshare, Parent
   Portal, Facebook
- Team Electronic Data Notebook
- Level One Discipline
- Teacher grade analysis for at-risk & subgroup students
- ELA & Math Unit Analysis
- Rotating schedule each semester
- Healthy Schools Program
- SIC goal setting
- The 7 Mindsets
- i-Ready
- Schoology Learning Platform with Google
- 1 to 1 technology
- Research based reading curriculum for struggling students
- Translation of communication for Hispanic families
- Provided uniform school supplies for all students
- Vertical planning with feeder Elementary and High schools



# MID-CAROLINA MIDDLE SCHOOL

# MCMS School Improvement Council

What is a School Improvement Council (SIC)? Key Points:

- The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to a school's principal and faculty.
- Unlike PTAs and other voluntary school organizations, councils are mandated by law to exist in every public school in South Carolina.
- SICs play a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve their local schools.

#### Key Functions:

- SICs work with the school to develop and implement a five-year school improvement plan (school renewal plan).
- SICs monitor and evaluate success in reaching the plan's goals and objectives.
- SICs write an annual report to parents about the progress of the plan.
- SICs assist the principal in writing the narrative for the School Report Card.
- SICs advise on the use of school incentive awards and provide assistance as requested by the principal.

#### 2024-2025 MCMS SIC Goals:

- Goal 1: Parent Involvement
  - Increase parent/family engagement by holding quarterly events throughout the school year.
    - This will be tracked by reviewing parent/family events documented in the school calendar.
- Goal 2: School Communication
  - Increase engagement and visibility with weekly/monthly communication methods by 5% by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
    - This will be tracked by weekly viewership of emails from November to May.

# MCMS School Improvement Council 2024-2025

SIC Leadership Candice Dixon- Chair Stacey Price - Vice Chair Michele Neal- Secretary

Parents Michele Neal, Stacey Price, Jed Thomas

Teachers Honey Wilson, Jonathan Butler, Candice Dixon

Community Members Laura Clark, Jennifer Moore, Adam Teseniar

Ex-Officio Members
Dr. Paul Dobyns- Principal
Eric Thompson- Assistant Principal
Katie Joiner- Assistant Principal



For more information on MCMS or to learn how to get more involved with our school, visit the GET CONNECTED section on our website.