

NEWBERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL SIC REPORT TO THE PEOPLE (2025-2026)

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIC Members

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Katie Shaw, Parent
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Elected Members

Stacie Coleman - Teacher
Tonya Deese Jeter - Parent
Dr. Ashley Swygert - Teacher

Appointed Members

Jackie Holmes -
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Tracy Werts -
Community Member

Ex-Officio Members

Jennifer Brown - Assistant
Principal
Zeb Reid - Principal

Dear Parents & Stakeholders:

Newberry Middle School's (NMS) primary school improvement goal is to demonstrate measurable academic growth in Math, English Language Arts (ELA), and 6th grade Science. During the 2025-2026 school year, Newberry Middle School utilized Study Island and common assessments to monitor and support student progress in 6th grade Science. Additionally, the school implemented common assessments, level data analysis, and consistent data tracking using fall, winter, and spring i-Ready diagnostic scores to monitor student growth in Reading and Math.

You can get involved with the School Improvement Council (SIC) by attending meetings and participating in SIC events or community outreach initiatives.

Meeting announcements are shared through the school's electronic marquee, Thrillshare (via text messages, emails, and voice calls), and in school e-newsletters.

Please contact Newberry Middle School if you would like more information on joining the School Improvement Council.



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Goal 1: Show growth in ELA, Math, and 6th Science 5% or more. (Meets/exceeds)

Goal 2: Improve School Climate by 5% (Meets/exceeds)

As a result of these targeted efforts, Newberry Middle School increased Reading proficiency from 19% at the beginning of the school year to 25% in the spring, reflecting a 7% gain. In Math, the school also demonstrated growth, improving to 10% proficiency from fall to spring.

Through ongoing collaborative team meetings, intentional data tracking, and the support of the 21st Century Thriving Tigers Program—including the MLP Academy, Math Academy, ELA Academy, and 6th Grade Science Academy—Newberry Middle School continues to promote academic growth and improve overall student achievement.

In addition to academic progress, school climate at Newberry Middle School has improved, with a current rating of 6.49 out of 10. The school anticipates continued growth in this area as additional clubs and student activities are implemented to increase engagement and strengthen school culture. Newberry Middle School has also expanded opportunities for students and enhanced the overall learning environment through significant facility upgrades, including new paint throughout the entire building, HVAC system improvements, and new furniture for classrooms, the cafeteria, main office, counseling office, and media center.

Link to Report 2025 Card: <https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eTOyMDI1JnQ9TSZaWQ9MzYwMTAyMA>

Link: <https://www.newberrymiddleschool.org/o/nms/article/2526216>

NMS Mission: To partner with our community to provide a nurturing culture where all students can reach their full potential through engaging experiences that are academically rigorous and socially equitable.

NMS Vision: To create a culture in which the school and community collaborate to foster academic excellence and positive social development of all students in a safe learning environment.

24-25 NMS Awards

Dr. Jeter (SCASA) Asst. Principal of the Year Finalist
Geron Wiggins- NMS 25-26 Teacher of the Year
Katie Shaw - FSI Teacher of the Week
Mrs. Anita Basnight - Top Read 180 School
Only SDNC School - Strategic Compensation Grant (108K)
3 Junior Scholar Winners
Football - Lex 10 Champions - 5 years in a row
3rd consecutive year as an Arts Now School
Girls Basketball - Lex 10 South Champions

Whatever it takes, OUR kids ARE worth it!



English Language Arts Standardized Test Results Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	22-23	23-24	24-25
6th	30	28	34.4
7th	24	27	38.4
8th	27	26	44.2

SIC GOALS-ACTIONS-PROGRESS MADE

Goal 1: Ensure the Safety and Well-Being of NMS Students, Faculty, and Staff

Actions Taken:

NMS faculty and staff receive ongoing training from administrators on crisis response procedures and emergency preparedness. The school conducts monthly safety drills and has implemented controlled access to a new camera and surveillance system (Wisenet Wave). Faculty and students are trained on safety policies and drill procedures. NMS maintains a strong partnership with local authorities, including School Resource Officer (SRO) Officer Kierstead of the Newberry County Sheriff's Department. Additionally, student activity on school-issued devices is monitored through Linewize, a digital filtering service that tracks searches and typed content.

Progress Made:

Safety remains a priority at NMS, reinforced through monthly faculty meetings and Dr. Jeter's "Safety Six" presentations. All administrators have been trained on the new camera system, and 100% of faculty and staff have completed crisis response training.

Goal 2: Promote Mentoring Opportunities for Students

Actions Taken:

NMS continues to offer a variety of mentoring and enrichment programs, including the PAWsitive Experience (mentor/mentee program), 21st Century After-School Program, ELA Academy, Math Academy, Science Academy (6th grade), and the Gifted and Talented (G-T) Academy.

Progress Made:

During the 2025-2026 school year, students have had access to multiple mentoring and academic enrichment opportunities, supporting both personal growth and academic achievement.

Goal 3: Provide Clear Communication and Feedback to Parents

Actions Taken:

NMS utilizes multiple communication platforms to keep parents informed, including Thrillshare, the school website, the NMS Facebook page, school e-newsletters, and direct email communication through Thrillshare and FinalForms. An electronic marquee is also used to share timely updates with the community.

Progress Made:

Based on feedback from the School Improvement Council (SIC) and community members, communication at NMS has significantly improved and is regarded as the most effective it has been in recent years.

Mathematics Standardized Test Results Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	22-23	23-24	24-25
6th	23	16	27.2
7th	9	16	8.6
8th	16	10	16.9

Science Standardized Test Results Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	22-23	23-24	24-25
6th	19	NA	25

Please note that only 6th grade is tested and there are no scores to report for the 23-24 school year.



Teacher of the Year: Dr. Jeter (SCASA) Asst.
Geron Wiggins Principal of the Year Finalist



NMS Football Team



NMS Legacy Steppers