

# SENECA MIDDLE

## SCHOOL GOALS

- Improve student outcomes on SC Ready
- Provide high quality, responsive literacy instruction
- Improve communication between parents and school

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

2024 Overall Student Performance on SC Ready—

- 48% of students scored Meets or Exceeds in ELA
- 36.7% of students scored Meets or Exceeds in math

2024 End of Course (EOC) Examination—

- 100% of students passed the Algebra I EOC

## SCHOOL POPULATION

### Administration—

- Principal Dr. Michael Cory
- Assistant Principals Michael Hamilton and Christi Roberts
- Administrator Assistant Brandy Greenlee
- School Counselors Lynda Grant, Michelle Williams, and Stephanie Shepherd
- Instructional Coach Sarah LeCroy
- School Resource Officer Chastity James

### Faculty and Staff—

- 62 certified (teachers) staff
- 26 classified (support) staff

### Students—

- 297 6th graders, 257 7th graders, and 263 8th graders
- 52% male and 48% female
- 54% Caucasian
- 25% African American
- 13% Hispanic
- 8% Asian, Native American, or two or more races.

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

First Name	Last Name	Service Role
Marcie	Cope	Vice Chairperson
Jennifer	Neal	Secretary
Lindsey	Simmons	Chairperson
Melissa	Yeoh	Treasurer



### WELCOME TO 15440 WELLS HIGHWAY

August 2024 saw the start of a new school year in our long-awaited new building which about 30% larger than the previous building, contains approximately 170,000 sq. ft. and sits on a 40-acre campus.



### HANDS-ON CAREER EXPERIENCE

8th grade students enjoyed experiencing the Be Pro Be Proud trailer which introduced them to high-paying and in-demand fields in the trades. The trailer was filled with high tech simulators, allowing the students to get a real hands-on feel for several of these fields.

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## 2024-2025 SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT



### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Seneca Middle School is to provide a meaningful and community-centered educational experience that transforms our students into responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

### VISION STATEMENT

Seneca Middle School will be a learning community that inspires and supports academic excellence and social responsibility.

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## HAPPENING AT SENECA MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Music Program Accolades

Our music programs have a long and proud history of performing well and earning many awards which mark their high level of achievement. At the time of this report several events for each music program were yet to occur, but we anticipate further accomplishments as per their usual levels of achievement.

#### **Band**

- 15 students made All-County band this year
- Earned an Excellent rating at Concert Performance Assessment

#### **Chorus**

- 34 students selected All-County Chorus
- 15 students earned placements in All-State Chorus
- The SMS Honors Chorus once again (as they have done for approximately 15 years running) earned a Superior with Distinction (highest rating possible) at their Concert Performance Assessment

#### **Orchestra**

- 20 students selected to All-County Orchestra including several who earned 1st chair in their section
- 3 students were selected to the All-Region Orchestra
- Earned an Excellent rating at Concert Performance Assessment



## HAPPENING AT SMS—CONTINUED

### Other Points of Excellence

- Thirteen 8th graders were named South Carolina Junior Scholars based on their high PSAT scores.
- Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Essay Contest - 8th grader Izabella Wynn earned third place in the entire nation for her moving essay about "What America Means to Me" - the highest place ever earned for the entire FRA district.
- Five art students were recognized for their participation in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest.

### Library Events and Programs

- Black Heritage Trail - This year City of Seneca became part of the Black Heritage Trail project celebrating Black history and spanning key locations in Oconee County, Pickens County, and Clemson University. Inspired by this community project, our library partnered with social studies classes from all three grade levels to produce our own Black Heritage Trail. Student artwork based on Black history research lined both sides of the main hallway, turning it into a vibrant, literacy-based exhibit spanning two-tenths of a mile.
- Beanstack - the SMS library became the first school in the district to utilize Beanstack, an online platform to set reading goals and track reading progress across the entire school. After an extremely successful launch, our school had an amazing 99% student participation and is closing in on our 1,000,000 minutes reading goal.
- Strive for 25 - 99% of students participated in this reading program, up from 75% the previous year. These students will enjoy a fun-filled celebration at the end of the school year.
- Project Lit - this group met monthly to read and discuss a variety of books selected by their student leaders in conjunction with the librarian.



**MEMBERS OF THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM SPOKE TO SMS STUDENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING IN SCHOOL AS PART OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES STAY IN TO WIN PROGRAM.**

## CATTITUDE

- **100% Effort in all things**
- **Identify and Maximize Student Talents**
- **Set Goals, Accomplish Them, and Set More**
- **Be Well-Rounded : Academics, Arts, Athletics, Behavioral/Social, Service**

## SPORTS, CLUBS, & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- C-Team Football
- C-Team Volleyball
- C-Team Cheerleading
- C-Team Boys Basketball
- C-Team Girls Basketball
- C-Team Baseball
- JV & Varsity Sports at SHS
- Student Government (SGA)
- Junior Beta Club
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Anderson, Oconee, Pickens (AOP) Career Showcase



**2024-2025 AOP Div. 2 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RUNNERS UP.**



## HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT OFFERINGS

Seneca Middle School offers the following courses for high school credit, or Carnegie Units, to qualifying students: Algebra I Honors, English 1 Honors, Discovering Computer Science Part I (.5) and Part II (.5).