



SENECA MIDDLE SCHOOL

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

2025 - 2026

MISSION

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

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

SCHOOL GOALS

- Improve student outcomes on SC READY
- Provide high-quality, responsive literacy instruction
- Provide high-quality, standards-based, and real-world application focused math instruction
- Improve communication and partnerships between parents and school

ACHIEVEMENTS

2025 Overall Student Performance on SC READY:

- 55% of students scored Meets or Exceeds in ELA, the highest performance in 9 years
- 30.4% of students scored Meets or Exceeds in Math
- 6th Grade Science saw the greatest levels of Meets and Exceeds in 6 years

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT OFFERINGS

Seneca Middle School offers the following courses for high school credit, or Carnegie Units, to qualifying students:

- Honors Geometry
- Honors English 1
- Discovering Computer Science Part I (.5) and Part II (.5)

331

students received high school credits in middle school in 2025-2026

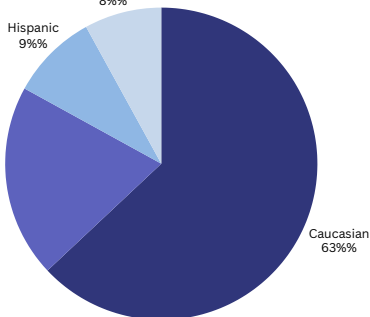
School Population

Student Demographics

Asian, Native American, or two or more races
8%

Hispanic
9%

African American
20%



STUDENTS

- **260** 6th graders, **288** 7th graders, and **262** 8th graders
- **51%** male and **49%** female

ADMINISTRATION

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

FACULTY & STAFF

- **62** Certified (teachers) Staff
- **26** Classified (support) Staff

2025 - 2026 SIC OFFICERS

- **Marcie Cope**, Chairperson
- **Amy Hagerman**, Vice Chairperson
- **Chrissy Boggs**, Secretary
- **Melissa Yeoh**, Treasurer



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CLUBS & ATHLETICS

- C-Team Football
- C-Team Volleyball
- C-Team Cheerleading
- C-Team Boys and Girls Basketball
- JV & Varsity Sports at SHS
- Student Government Association
- Junior Beta Club
- Future Farmers of America
- C.O.O.L. Cats Club
- Debate Club
- Project Lit



Athletic Accolades

2025-2026 AOP Div. 2 Volleyball Region Champions and Tournament Runners Up, Girls Basketball Region and Tournament Runners Up, and Boys Basketball Region Champions and Tournament Runners Up.



CONGRATULATIONS

Cassie Owens Moore

2026
South Carolina
LIBRARIAN
OF THE YEAR!



LIBRARY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- The SMS Library was awarded \$500 worth of literature and material by the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust.
- Award-winning author and illustrator Cherry Mo visited Seneca Middle School to share stories of her childhood and insights into storytelling and illustrating to students.
- aiEDU Trailblazer Fellowship with lessons on Artificial Intelligence given in all 3 grade levels
- Earned a \$5,000 Envision Equity grant for e-books and audiobooks, and a \$1,500 grant from Open Book Project
- We continued our partnership with Beanstack with a 99% participation rate. Our students and faculty read over 1,250,000 minutes, exceeding our goal!
- 132 students earned the title of Book Wizards, reading at least 25 books or 2,500 minutes. 8 students read over 10,000 minutes, and 1 student read over 17,000 minutes.
- 12% increase in library attendance, 8% increase in circulation, 93% student library satisfaction rate
- Our student-led Project Lit Book Club had a 71.8% increase in consistent student participation

Music Program Accolades

Our music programs have a long and proud history of performing well and earning many awards which mark their high levels of achievement. The 2025-2026 school year continued that long legacy.



BAND

- **25** students selected All-County Band
- **Two** students selected to the All-Region Band
- Earned a **Superior with Distinction** rating at the Concert Performance Assessment, the highest performance rating in 7 years

CHORUS

- **34** students selected All-County Chorus
- **12** students earned All-State Chorus placements
- Earned a **Superior with Distinction** at the Concert Performance Assessment for the 16th year in a row

ORCHESTRA

- **16** students selected to All-County Orchestra, including several 1st chair selections
- **One** student selected to the All-Region Orchestra
- Earned a **Superior** rating at the Concert Assessment Performance

CAREER READINESS

These Cats are getting Career Ready! On February 13th, students had the opportunity to participate in job shadowing and other career exploration activities both on and off campus. 348 students participated in off-campus job shadowing. Students on campus explored careers alongside industry experts, including BMW, Blue Ridge Electric, Clemson STEM and Engineering, law enforcement officers, authors, music producers, and more! Many of our students with special needs also participated in hands-on explorations through The Foothills Farmstand. A special thank you to our partners in industry!



POINTS OF EXCELLENCE

- **15** 8th graders were named South Carolina Junior Scholars based on their high PSAT scores.
- **Five** art students were recognized for their participation and placement in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Together As One".
- **Three** SMS students were county winners of A Call To Action Oconee's bullying prevention poster contest.
- SMS Art students had the opportunity to host artist and Oconee County native Hillary Frye. Students had the opportunity to paint with and learn from Ms. Frye who advised our students: "It's not about being the best. It's about being consistent..."