

2016-2017 School Improvement Council

Last Name	First Name	Service Status
Bagby	Rick	Chairperson
Barnes	Kristi	Elected
Bentley	Raymond	Elected
Bowling	Brenda	Elected
Halbig	Ed	Appointed
Hamilton	Tiffany	Elected
Henderson	Brad	Elected
James	Lindsay	Ex-officio
Kates	Monica	Appointed
LeRoy	AL	Ex-officio
Martin	Bradley	Elected
McRoberts	Kelly	Appointed
Nation	Karon	Appointed
Pitts	Blake	Elected
Putnam	Brad	Elected
Ragwar	Atieno	Elected
Robinson	Denise	Elected
Rosemond	Delane	Appointed
Summerville	Trixie	Appointed
Tabita	Romero	Elected
Vaughn	Trisha	Elected
Walden	Karen	Appointed
Walden	Les	Elected
Warlick	David	Elected

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



Our Den Masters are students that exemplify all aspects of **Cattitude** at the highest level. These students maintained an All-A average while excelling in the arts and athletics. These students from left to right are Carson Towe, Layne Herron, Ansley Brock, Anne Marie Butler, Mary Brooks Wilson, Makenzie Martin, Salihah Ragwar Hayes, Dillon Wilson, Kayle Massey, Peyton McRoberts, and Anika Putman.



Seneca Middle School

2016-2017 School Summary Report



Mission Statement

The mission of Seneca Middle School is to develop responsible, competent, and productive life long learners by providing challenging and meaningful educational experiences in cooperation with the home, community and business.

Vision Statement

Seneca Middle School will produce students who can communicate effectively, solve problems competently, think creatively, act responsibly, and recognize and respect individual differences.

Students will be technologically literate and globally minded. This will be accomplished through a variety of learning experiences, teaching strategies, and technology, all supported by ongoing staff development, continuous improvement of facilities and resources, parental involvement, and collaboration with community

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From Principal Al LeRoy



Dear Parents:

The School Summary Report for Seneca Middle School has been prepared to be presented to all school and district stakeholders: Seneca Middle School students and their parents/guardians, as well as the School District of Oconee County Board of Trustees. The report reviews the improvements made last year, displays the test scores for all grades, and describes the activities planned for this school year.

ACT 135 and AdvancEd requires schools to develop a comprehensive five-year plan, which conveys how the school plans to provide appropriate academic services to all students. Each year the plan is reviewed and revised.

If you have questions about the information summarized here, please call Al D. LeRoy, Principal, at 886-4455. You may also email Mr. LeRoy at aleroy@oconee.k12.sc.us.



Our Leadership Team consists of...

- Assistant Principals Shea Martin and Michael Hamilton, Principal Al LeRoy
- School Counselors Loretta Egan and Chris Parker
- Student Interventionist Faith Davis
- School Resource Officer John Pearson

Bobcat Curricular Targets for 2016-17

Seneca Middle School will continue to review, revise, and improve the School Improvement Plan. For the 2016-2017 school year, we have implemented the following:

Leveled Courses in all core content areas

In order to assist teachers in differentiating instruction and to provide more targeted instruction to the needs of our students, we have created grade level and advanced sections in all grades of math, English Language Arts, science, and social studies.

CATS Café – we will continue to implement an “extra help” session into our daily schedule for students to make up any work or redo work that is not satisfactory (0 – 69). Students in CATS Café come to the front of the lunch line, pick up a “to go” lunch, and then eat and do their work for the entire 40-minute lunch and recess period.

Advisement Period (Cat Class) - in keeping with the full implementation of Making Middle Grades Work, we have employed a 30-minute, literacy-rich, daily advisement period. M, W, and F are dedicated to Student Selected Reading (SSR). Tuesdays are dedicated to character education lessons themed by month, i.e., *Honesty* in September, *Respect* in October, etc. Thursdays are devoted to bibliotherapy: teachers read aloud from grade level books that are based on character development.



We Bobcats Are...

- 813 students, 64 certified staff, and 20+ support staff strong
- 272 6th graders, 263 7th graders, and 278 8th graders, 47.2% male and 52.8% female
- 65% Caucasian, 21% African American, 7% Hispanic, 1% Asian, 6% Other



ROARing News from Seneca Middle School

Carnegie Unit Opportunities

Over 98% of our 7th and 8th grade students are taking courses that offer at least a .5 high school credit.

End Of Course Success

All students taking the End of Course test in Algebra I Honors and English 1 Honors last year had a 100% passage rate. Seneca Middle School continues to be at the forefront of highest average scores as well as the total number of students tested in the district.

Music Program Accolades

Our Band Program had 29 students in All-County Band, 6 students in All-Region, and 2 students in All-State. Symphonic Band received a Superior with Distinction at state assessment. Our band had 22 students participate in Solo and Ensemble, receiving 18 Superior and 4 Excellent ratings. Band received Outstanding Performance Award for the 3rd year in a row. Our Orchestra had 20 students participate in Solo and Ensemble, receiving 17 Superior and 3 Excellent ratings. SMS Orchestra had 26 students in All-County, 2 students in Region Orchestra, and 2 students in All-State Orchestra. 8th Grade Orchestra received an excellent rating at state assessment. Our Honors Chorus received a Superior Rating with Distinction at state assessment and were ranked 4th overall in the Advanced Division. 19 students were selected to All-State, the second highest total of any program in the state. 6th Grade Chorus and 7th/8th Grade Chorus received Superiors at Carowinds Music Festival and Honors Chorus received Gold and First Place at Heritage Music Festival in Nashville, TN.

The DEN Program

We have been fortunate to receive a 4-year, nearly \$.5 million grant to form our After School Program entitled The DEN Program (Dedication toward Excellence with No exceptions).

High School Credit Offerings

Seneca Middle School offers the following courses for high school credit, or Carnegie Units, to qualifying students: Algebra I Honors, Geometry Honors, English 1 Honors, Chinese 1, Computer Applications (.5 unit), and Keyboarding (.5 unit)