

Gettys Middle School students, staff, and community are “Making Gettys Great” and are helping all students develop world class skills. Our staff commits to providing a safe and academically rigorous learning environment to fulfill our vision of “Gettys Greatness.”

World class skills begins with world class teachers. Our teachers proven results are directly related to the high expectations they set for our students academically. This year our MAP data showed positive growth and more than a year’s growth in all content areas in all grade levels. Our teachers are engaging students with more project-based learning and increased problem solving. Innovative programs are the focus of our STEM initiatives. Our school received national recognition for our commitment to empowering students by being named a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for STEM and career learning. Gettys Middle is one of the few middle schools across the state of South Carolina to achieve this designation. We had more than 50 percent of the student body participating in STEM classes such as Medical Detectives, Flight and Space classes and Design with Modeling. Also, over 25% of our eighth graders will transition to the high school with completion of two or more PLTW STEM classes. Students used their creativity and innovation in our technology infused 1:1 device program and numerous service projects. This learning goes beyond the school day into clubs where our Robotics Club were state champions and went on to the World Vex competition and won the “Build Award” for their work, a first ever for the State of South Carolina and our school.

Collaboration and teamwork activities are incorporated into all classes and beyond the school day with our focus on programs that occur after school, including our Gettys University after-school program. Collaboration is evident in our outstanding Arts programs where our students showcased our school’s musical this year, Moana Jr. Over 65% of our students choose to be in our Arts programs, which have produced award winning programs and a STEAM focus for our school. Programs offered to help our students become college and career ready also include courses for high school credit such as English I, Algebra I, Spanish and Computing Fundamentals. We offered virtual classes in Cybersecurity, American Sign Language, careers and coding to offer a global perspective and more choice for our students. Athletically, all of our athletes showed teamwork and had successful seasons, including our 7th grade volleyball team that were regular season and tournament champions.

Our school and community are dedicated to developing our student’s world class skills. Our school offers a 1:1 device program for all students to incorporate digital learning. Additional partnerships with Pickens County Career and Technology Center and Tri-County Technical College’s career showcase all expose our students to real world applications of their learning. Communication skills and student leadership were also enhanced by our Veterans Day and other school programs that celebrate our citizenship and diversity.

Our supportive PTO celebrated and coordinated our Students of the Month Program and Teacher Appreciation events. We are extremely grateful to our students, families, PTO and volunteers for joining us in the development of our future graduates and leaders!

Stacy Sanders, SIC Chairperson

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