

School Achievements

- Russell Altman, media specialist, was selected as the 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year.
- Beta Club attended the state conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and won the Beta Growth Award and an award for service learning.
- Duke Tip Scholars at SMS included Boone Brooks, Sunny Cleveland, Chase Doubrava, Zaidy Esquivel-Olvera, Ruby Flores, Dakota Gentry, Ella Gentry, Angel Gil-Salgado, Kaden Hancock, Rebecca Jackson, Denisse Melgoza-Naranjo, Kadence Price, and Zack Robertson
- Our 2019 Miss SMS pageant winners included:
 - Miss SMS 2020- Elizabeth Sorcia**
 - Miss SMS 8th Grade- Rebecca Jackson**
 - Miss SMS 8th Grade Runner-Up- Allisa Hite
 - Miss SMS 7th Grade- Mya Chapman**
 - Miss SMS 7th Grade Runner-Up- Addyson Grace Dukes
 - Miss SMS 6th Grade- Xa'Miyah Robinson**
 - Miss SMS 6th Grade Runner-Up- Aubrie Horsley
 - People's Choice Award-** Elizabeth Sorcia,
 - Miss Tiger Spirit-** Xa'Miyah Robinson
 - Miss Congeniality-** Kristy Merchant
 - Most Creative People's Choice Award**
 - Box-** Karolann Edwards

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Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Saluda Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Saluda Middle School

Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2019-20



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Educating all students by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum with supportive programs.

SMS Vision Statement

We envision a district in which all students graduate equipped to succeed in work and life in a globally competitive world.

SMS Mission Statement

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SIC Annual Goals

Goal #1 -- Understanding the importance of fostering a positive, healthy school climate and helping students become socially and emotionally prepared for high school and beyond. The SIC will collaborate with parents, students, district officials, and the community to move toward proven restorative approaches to addressing conflict.

Goal #2 – Improve parent and community involvement in order to foster sustainable partnerships that will support student achievement and school-wide programs.

SMS Annual Goal

By the end of the 2019-20 school year, SMS students will go from 30.7% to 33 % “meets” or “exceeds expectations” in ELA and from 38.5% to 42% “meets” or “exceeds expectations” in math on the SC READY assessment.

Testing Achievement

- Saluda Middle School (SMS) is helping all students develop the world-class skills characteristic of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
- *S.C. School Report Card* scores can be found at: <https://screportcards.com/>. SMS earned an overall rating of “Average” for the 2018-2019 school year.
- SMS had 99% of its students taking college bearing courses earn a high school credit during the 2018 – 2019 school year.
- 49.2% of sixth grade students scored met or exceeding on SC Ready Math. This percentage surpassed the state average for all schools in SC of 43.9% scoring met or exceeding.
- SMS went from 33.3% met or exceeding in 2017-2018 on the SCReady math to 37.5% met or exceeding in 2018-2019.
- SMS went from 27.3% met or exceeding in 2017-2018 on the SCReady ELA to 30.8% met or exceeding in 2018-2019.

School Achievements (cont.)

- South Carolina Junior Scholar eighth graders were Kenya Aguirre, Tristan Grigsby, and Caroline Warren
- Rebecca Jackson scored a perfect score on SC READY math.
- Seventh Grader, Angel Lezama represented SMS in the Region 2 Band Clinic where his audition landed him the spot of 4th chair in the Junior Honor Band. He will participate in the All-State Honor

Band Clinic at Furman University as an alternate.

Additional Information

- We are continuing the Second Steps program. This program is rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) and teaches students skills to manage and express emotions, make responsible decisions, develop positive relationships, and navigate the world effectively. The program is delivered every Wednesday during Power Period.
- Students were recognized for academic achievement and good behavior during monthly pep rallies and received a variety of incentives.
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a program that supports our school culture. PBIS prepares students for success by teaching them to act responsibly, work cooperatively, and show respect. Students earn “paws” (tickets) for displaying the P.A.W.S tenants, which they can redeem for prizes and other student incentives.
- To assist struggling students and families, SMS collaborates with Saluda County Behavioral Health to provide individualized counseling and services.
- Any parent wishing to volunteer at SMS is asked to contact Mrs. Schumpert, Mrs. Williams, or any SIC team member.

For more information, you may view our “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.