South Middle School

Designated in 2013
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2013-14 School Statistics
(Source: School report cards and Power School)
Community: Rural/Suburban
Enrollment: 530
Grade Levels: 6-8
School Schedule: Daily Rotating Schedule with Exploratory Time
Student Demographics
13% Hispanic
41% White
45% African American
0% Filipino
<1% Asian
0% Pacific Islander
76% Free/Reduced Lunch
11% English Learners

2010 AYP: Met 19 of 21 Objectives
2011 AYP: Met 18 of 27 Objectives
2012 ESEA Points and Grade: 86.6/ B
2013 ESEA Points and Grade: 68.8/D

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence
• Common Planning Time
• Extended Day Tutoring
• Data Notebooks
• New Teacher Mentoring Program
• Night of Excellence
• Family Nights
• Classworks Lab
• Technology Integration
• One to One Initiative
• Benchmark Testing
• Heterogeneous Grouping
• All ELA and Math Teachers GT Endorsed
• Student Work Displayed

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South Carolina Schools to Watch

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Developmental Responsiveness
• Mustang Mentors
• Clubs
• WSMS-Student Produced News Program
• Horsepower-Time for Testing, Retesting, Make-up
• Special Olympics
• Student Assistance Team
• ESOL Inclusion
• Positive Discipline Plan
• Anti-Bullying Program
• Student Council
• PTO/School Improvement Council
• Daily Rotating Schedule
• Student Meals Backpack Program
• Clothes Closet
• Award Winning Fine Arts Program
• ESOL Transition Breakfasts

Social Equity
• Students of the Week
• Good News Cards to Students and Staff
• Barnes and Noble Trip
• School Uniforms
• Co-Teaching Inclusion
• Career Guidance/Job Shadowing/& Career Day
• School-wide Read Alouds
• Special Education Cookie Factory
• Heterogeneous Grouping
• Girls on Track Club
• Men of Distinction Group
• Mustang Rodeo Awards Program
• First Priority
• National Junior Honor Society

Organizational Support
• Daily Rotating Schedule
• Professional Learning Communities
• Pacing Guides/Curriculum Maps
• Winthrop NetSCOPE Professional Development School
• Highly Qualified Staff
• Tech for Teachers Sessions
• Teacher Led Professional Development
• Grade Level Content Planning
• Making Middle Grades Work Target Teams
• Peer Observations
• Connect Ed Parent Calls
• Guidance Classroom Sessions
• Sixth Grade Parent Orientation
• SharpSchool website
• Department Meetings