School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

**Academic Excellence**
- Summer reading requirements
- Cardinal Credit Keeper - Digital book log
- Today’s Meet—used to post book reviews during the summer
- Orientation for rising sixth graders and parents
- Cardinal Take-Off, 6th grade summer transition camp following registration
- Weekly Team Meetings
- School-wide writing
- Data driven instruction (MAP, Fountas and Pinnell, Curriculum Based Measures)
- RtI skill emphasis – minimum of three days per week
- Professional Learning Community
- Google Drive – utilized to enhance connections for faculty and staff
- PTO Open House
South Carolina Schools to Watch

Landrum Middle School

Academic Excellence (continued)
• Honors classes for 7th grade Pre-Algebra
• Honors classes for 7th grade ELA
• Honors classes for 8th grade ELA
• Algebra 1 for High School credit in 8th grade
• Second Chance Cafe

Developmental Responsiveness
• Health services directed by full-time nurse
• Diagnostic and preventive health screenings for vision, hearing, dental and orthopedic wellness
• Winter Warmth Ministry
• Backpack Ministry – non-perishable food delivered to students on weekly basis
• Full-time School Resource Officer to advise and assist entire school community
• Partnership with local police and fire agencies to establish and maintain a school crisis plan
• Full-time guidance counselor
• Mental Health counselor
• School psychologist
• Assistance Team
• Performing arts – chorus, band, strings, and drama
• Junior Beta Club
• Student Council
• OLWEUS – Bullying Prevention Program
• Club Red – students partnered with an adult to participate in a club of their interest
• Future Fridays – career emphasis
• Cardinal Citizenship – class focused on careers and citizenship
• Job Shadow Day
• CS First program – offered through Google Classroom
• Agricultural Education
• Individual Graduation Plan meetings for 8th graders
• Wednesday Working With Kids – small group tutoring
• Tuesday Late Stay – after-school small group tutoring (bus transportation provided by District)
• RtI Emphasis – differentiated RtI skill and extensions (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
• School supplies provided throughout the school year by local churches
• Parent Portal
• Student-Led Conferences
• Community service projects – exposed students to the rewards of service to others
• Community members mentor students in reading and/or math

Social Equity
• Heterogeneous classes
• Media Center open before and after school for student access
• Media Center open twice during the summer to support summer reading initiatives
• Least restrictive environment for special needs students
• Cardinal Scholars class – additional literacy support
• EXCEL class for GT qualified sixth grade students
• PSAT for eight graders
Technology utilized across content areas and academic arts classes through iPads, MacBooks and Chromebooks
• Bring your Own Device Policy for students
• Media Center Lunch Programs – Booked for Lunch and Dudes Read Too
• Spanish Culture Classes
• Fair and Consistent Rules and Consequences
• Got Red? – good character recognition program
• “Power of One” – bracelet for defenders against bullying
• Principals Art Gallery
• WLMS daily news show
• Student recognition through morning announcements and WLMS news show
• Family Breakfast, Thanksgiving lunch, and Family Picnic

Organizational Support
• Shared Vision
• Building Level Staff Development
• District Level Staff Development
• School for the Heart and Mind
• Professional Learning Community
• Triangulation of Data to determine instructional needs of students
• Summer Project completed by teachers to analyze PASS data
• Schedule for RtI discussions
• Electronic RtI Portfolios shared through Google Drive for collaboration
• Schedule of classroom observations for Leadership Team
• Observations and Post Observation Conferences with Leadership Team
• Bi-annual RtI meeting with District Superintendent and Administrators
• Partnerships (District, Parent, Community, Colleges, and Universities)