SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHOOL TO WATCH

South Middle School

Designated in 2013
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2012-13 School Statistics
(Source: School report cards and Power School)
Community: Rural/Suburban
Enrollment: 594
Grade Levels: 6-8
School Schedule: Daily Rotating Schedule with Exploratory Time
Student Demographics
9% Hispanic
42% White
47% African American
0% Filipino
<1% Asian
0% Pacific Islander
75% Free/Reduced Lunch
7% English Learners
2010 AYP: Met 19 of 21 Objectives
2011 AYP: Met 18 of 27 Objectives
2012 ESEA Points and Grade: 86.6/ B

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

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

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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 Breakfast

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
- eChalk
- Department Meetings