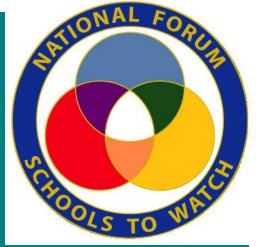


SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL TO WATCH



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