

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL TO WATCH



School Name



Designated in 2015; Redesignated n/a

J. G. McCracken Middle School • District Spartanburg 7 •
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2014-15 School Statistics

(Source: Enter name of data source for stats listed below.)

Community: Size/characteristics
Enrollment: 748
Grade Levels: 6th through 8th
School Schedule:

Student Demographics

4% Hispanic
60% White
30% African American
0% Filipino
2% Asian
0% Pacific Islander

44% Free/Reduced Lunch
1% English Learners

2010 AYP: Met 19 of 21 Objectives
2011 AYP: Met 17 of 21 Objectives
2012 ESEA Points and Grade: 96

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Strong Commitment to the school motto, "Every Opportunity for Every Child, Every Day"
- 2 Daily Common Planning Times for Teams, Departments and Grade Levels
- Common Assessments with Item Analysis
- Y.E.S.-- Year End Studies
- Student Led Conferences
- Technology Integration In All Courses/1 to 1 Device Initiative
- Wordmaster and Word Study for All Students
- Lab Based Science in all Grades
- Full Inclusion Program
- SOAR (Success Opportunities for Academics and Related Arts) and Extended Learning Time Opportunities during the school day
- School (Principal's Points) and Hallway Procedures (Walk With PURPOSE) for all students

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Academic Excellence (continued)

- District Curriculum and Pacing Guides
- Integrated Units of Study
- Strong Commitment to the Arts and Related Arts
- Wide Array of Standards Based Academic and Related Arts Electives
- Excellence In Academics-after school homework help club
- Digital and Hallway Posted Grade Level Project and Test Calendars
- Credit Recovery Programs

Developmental Responsiveness

- Adult Advocate for every student
- Team Planning Time
- Strong Academic Electives
- Green Sneaker Fiddlers, Chamber Orchestra, and After Hours Concert Club
- Chorus, Chorale, Southern Accents
- Band, Marching Band and Jazz Band
- Homebrew Coding Club
- Culturally Diverse Staff
- Career Planning through AIM 6th – 8th Grade (Adult Identity Mentoring) and IGP- 8th Grade (Individual Graduation Plan) Process
- Monthly Positive Parent Contacts
- Community Based Service Projects through Student Council, Anchor Club, Beta Club and Fine Arts
- Student Led Conferences
- Anonymous Bullying Link to report offenders

Social Equity

- Robotics Team
- Archery Team
- 5 Competitive Athletic Teams
- Anchor Club
- Culinary Arts Club
- Cultural Awareness and History Months
- School Dances, Concerts, Field Day, Special Assemblies and Pep Rallies
- School Wide Musical
- Flexible Scheduling to meet changing needs
- After School Home
- Proactive Discipline Approach

Organizational Support

- SIC Lunch and Learn for Parents
- Strong SIC
- PTSO/Friends of McCracken Mini Grants for Teachers
- 1 to 1 Device Technology Initiative
- McKinney Vento Program to stabilize students
- Vertical Articulation
- Broad Rotating Teacher Leadership Base
- Year Round Professional Development
- Walmart Gift In Kind Center Household Items for families of great need

