

# SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL TO WATCH



## 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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#### **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