

School Achievements

Kelli Taylor, 7th Grade Math Teacher, was selected as the Saluda District Teacher of the Year and was honored by American Legion.

Saluda Middle School continued as a Teacher Advancement Program School.

Stephanie Hingle (6th), raised \$4,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for kids who have cancer, by donating all of her hair.

Wyatt Shealy (8th) received a National Medal for Outdoor Achievement from the Boy Scouts of America.

Carter Collins, Schyler Dickenson, Arturo Gonzalez, Brittany Hightower, and Mikael Simonds (all 8th) were named South Carolina Junior Scholars.

Ms. SMS winners were Katelyn Marshall (Ms. SMS, 7th grader), Lauren Rikard (6th), Emily Farmer (7th), Anna Ringer (8th), Morgan Hendricks (Ms. Congeniality, 7th), and Iyonna Summer (Ms. Tiger Spirit, 6th).

Malakai Kessler (8th) qualified as one of the top percussionists in Region Two. He performed in the Region Band Clinic at Lexington High School in February.

Beta Club attended the state conference.

Makayla Corley (6th), Krystall Gross (8th), and Rebecca Gross (6th) competed in the South Carolina State Miss Amazing Pageant in Greenville, SC.

All students received chrome books this year to use in their classrooms and at home.

Saluda Middle SIC Members

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Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Saluda Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

Saluda Middle School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2016-17



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Educating all students by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum with supportive programs.

SMS Vision Statement

We envision a district in which all students graduate equipped to succeed in work and life in a globally competitive world.

SMS Mission Statement

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SIC Annual Goals

Goal #1 -- Understanding the importance of fostering a positive, healthy school climate and helping students learn from their mistakes. The SIC will collaborate with parents, students, district officials, and the community to move toward proven restorative approaches to addressing conflict.

Goal #2 – Improve parent and community involvement in Saluda Middle School to foster a partnership that encourages involvement in the school.

SMS Annual Goal

By the end of the 2016-17 school year, SMS students will go from 17% to 39 % “satisfactory” and from 47% to 30 % “needs improvement” in informational text/meaning and context on the SC READY ELA assessment.

Student Achievement

Saluda Middle School (SMS) is helping all students develop the world-class skills characteristic of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. We provide a safe, academically challenging, and supportive learning environment for every student.

S.C. School Report Card ratings were not issued this school year.

*SMS had a higher percentage of students that scored met or exceeds on SC Ready Math and English for sixth and eighth grade than the average of schools like us.

* SMS had a higher percentage of students that scored met or exceeds on SCPASS for Science and Social Studies than the average of school like us.

70% of all students scored met or exceeds on Science SCPASS. This percentage exceeded the state average for all schools in SC.

70% of all students scored met or exceeds on Social Studies SCPASS. This percentage met or exceeded the state average for all schools in SC.

“For more information, you may view Myschool’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.”

*Schools like ours range from 67.2% to 77.2% poverty.

Additional Information

- We have Olweus, bullying prevention program that challenges students to be observant of what is bullying. This program is done during power period.
- We believe that it is imperative that all students feel welcome and safe in all areas of our school, while having an opportunity to grow the necessary soft skills for the future.
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program to support our school culture. PBIS prepares students for success, acting responsibly, working cooperatively, and showing respect.
- Student leadership worked throughout the year to improve school environment, surveying students, and improving school moral.
- To assist struggling students and families, SMS collaborated with Saluda County Behavioral Health to provide individualized counseling and services.
- Any parent wishing to volunteer to assist at school are asked to contact Mr. Hardie or any SIC team member.