

## 2010 PASS Scores

Sixth Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	Writing	334	26.3	37.4	36.2
ELA	333	20.7	39.0	40.2	79.3
Math	332	25.3	46.1	28.6	74.7
Science	164	31.7	54.9	13.4	68.3
Social Studies	168	15.5	54.2	30.4	84.5

Seventh Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	Writing	319	17.2	39.2	43.6
ELA	322	20.2	31.7	48.1	79.8
Math	322	26.4	38.2	35.4	73.6
Science	321	20.2	53.0	26.8	79.8
Social Studies	321	27.7	37.7	34.6	72.3

Eighth Grade	# Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Passed
	Writing	305	21.6	39.7	38.7
ELA	310	30.0	34.5	35.5	70.0
Math	310	31.0	49.0	20.0	69.0
Science	153	21.6	37.9	40.5	78.4
Social Studies	156	28.8	35.9	35.3	71.2

*Hillcrest Middle School's  
Summary Report to the Community*

*Spring 2011*

*Keith Russell, Principal*

**Hillcrest Middle School**  
*"A Heritage of Excellence"*



*Mission*

*To build a collaborative learning community  
focused on student achievement.*

*510 Garrison Road  
Simpsonville, SC*

# Introduction

The Administration, Staff, and School Improvement Council of Hillcrest Middle School present this annual report to the parents and others in the community interested in the school. Please feel free to contact Keith Russell, the principal, with any questions or comments.

## School Improvement Council Members:

Austin, Sara	Teacher
Brown, Melissa	Teacher
Cortese, Michi	Administrator
Gerhart, Jay	Parent
Gibbs, Ana	Teacher
Kirby, Janet	Administrator
Mattison, Teresa	Parent
McGuffin, Gracie	Guidance
Pringle, Tina	Parent
Russell, Keith	Principal
Scott, Sue Ann	Parent
Walker, Mary	Administrator
Watson, Lynda	Parent
Wilder, Allison	Teacher
Zepel, Rick	Instructional Coach

## School Report Card Ratings:

**Absolute Rating-Good**

**Improvement Rating- Good**

School Report Card Ratings are based on improvements this year and over time. HMS scores are still in the top quarter of middle schools in the entire district. HMS is the only middle school in the district to win a Palmetto Silver Award for PASS score improvement in the last three years.

## Quick Facts:

Current enrollment: 1007  
Number of teachers: 54  
Number of Administrators: 4  
Number of Guidance Counselors: 3

**AYP**= Adequate Yearly Progress  
**NCLB**= No Child Left Behind  
**MAP**= Measures of Academic Progress  
**ELA**= English/Language Arts

## Achievement of Goals and Objectives:

During the past school year Hillcrest Middle School has:

- Received the Palmetto Silver Award and Closing the Gap Award. HMS was one of only two schools to receive both awards.
- Achieved largest percentage of students meeting MAP target growth of any school in the district.
- Increased the level of DUKE TIP Scholars to one of the highest in the state.
- Met 27 out of 29 AYP objectives on PASS.

- Of the 339 current 7th graders 104 qualified to take the SAT or ACT, 43 took the SAT/ACT and 3 students qualified for State Recognition status.
- Of the 329 current 8th graders 100 qualified to take the PSAT and 33 were recognized as SC Junior Scholars.
- Of the current 329 eighth graders 53 are enrolled in English I Honors, 26 in French, 57 in Algebra I Honors, 69 in Spanish I and 24 in Geometry.
- Eighteen seventh grade students are enrolled in the Algebra I Honors course.
- Continued status as a National PTA Parental Involvement School of Excellence. Only three middle schools in the state achieved this award for years 2004-2007.
- Continued MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) in the areas of Math, Language Arts, Literature and Science as a measure of academic progress made during the school year. This test will be used to measure growth year by year for each individual student.

## District Goals:

1. Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.
2. Ensure quality personnel in all positions.
3. Provide a school environment supportive of learning.
4. Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources.
5. Improve public understanding and support of public schools.

## School Goals & Objectives:

1. To meet AYP for all students as determined by NCLB.
2. To continue instructional strategies to enable students to receive high benchmark scores on standardized assessments of educational programs.
3. To increase student achievement through improvement in the quality of administrators and teachers.
4. To develop a safe, responsible, and respectful school environment.

## Strategies To Meet Future Goals:

1. Continue PASS practice opportunities for all students in need of additional assistance.
2. Enhance teacher awareness in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities.
3. Maintain high scores on standardized and end of course tests.
4. Utilize test data to increase student achievement levels of all groups of students.
5. Provide staff development in perceived areas of need.
6. Continue to implement anti-bullying and character development programs.
7. Promote parental involvement to increase standardized test scores for all students.

## Annual Evaluations:

1. PASS tests in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies.
2. End of course tests in high school level courses (Algebra, French, English 1).
3. Curriculum evaluation/alignment of instruction with South Carolina standards.
4. Regional and state evaluations of programs and quality of instruction including SACS.
5. South Carolina State Report Card surveys of faculty, staff, and students regarding the quality of education at HMS.
6. School portfolio self-study evaluations.
7. School district evaluations and surveys.
8. Evaluations of teachers and administrators with a competency based evaluation instrument.
9. Parent and student surveys of teacher and administrative competency linked to their yearly job performance evaluation.