



# SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

### Sevier MS and TransformSC

Our Vision is to build in our students World Class Knowledge, World Class Skills, and Life & Career Characteristics - that all will be College and Career Ready

SEVIER HAS JOINED THE NETWORK OF TRANSFORMSC SCHOOLS, WITH ACCESS TO NATIONAL EXPERTS, MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATION PLANS. TRANSFORMSC, AN EDUCATION INITIATIVE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON COMPETITIVENESS, BRINGS TOGETHER BUSINESS LEADERS, EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND POLICY MAKERS TO SEE THAT EVERY STUDENT GRADUATES PREPARED FOR CAREERS, COLLEGE AND CITIZENSHIP. TRANSFORMSC SCHOOLS DESIGN, PROMOTE, AND PROVIDE TRANSFORMATIVE PRACTICES IN THE CLASSROOM. TWO GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TRANSFORMSC SCHOOLS. SEVIER IS THE FIRST MIDDLE SCHOOL TO ENTER THIS COLLABORATIVE.

### School Priorities

1. Engaging Instruction and Assessment
2. Culture to Support 21st Century Learning
3. Purposeful Use of Technology and Community Resources

### Outstanding Results

2017 End of Course test pass rates:  
98% English I • 100% Algebra I

Measure	SMS	District	State
<b>Percent Meets/Exceeds - Spring 2016</b>			
SCReady ELA	43.5	46.2	43
SCReady Math	41.8	49.2	42.6
<b>Percent Met/Exemplary -- Spring 2016</b>			
PASS Science	73.4	71.4	77
PASS Soc Studies	79.2	77.2	74.4
<b>Percent Met Target - MAP Spring 2017</b>			
Reading	60	Math	53.8

**IN-DEPTH INQUIRY AROUND A REAL-WORLD CHALLENGE AND SIGNIFICANT COURSE CONTENT**

- CRITICAL THINKING
  - CREATIVITY & INNOVATION
  - COLLABORATION
  - COMMUNICATION
- FEEDBACK, REVISION, REFLECTION  
PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Learning through real-world challenges

- Integrated, multi-content area project-based units**
- Cross-content area challenges and simulations**
- Problem solving and design practices in daily instruction**



Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics

Sevier is a STEAM-focused school. Project-based learning is a key method used to master challenging standards and prepare students for success as they move to high school.

## Project-based Learning



- Choral Music
- Band
- Digital Media
- Art
- Strings
- Orchestra
- General Music
- Music and Theatre
- SMART Arts
- Percussion
- Electronic Music

### Visual & Performing Arts



- SAFE
- POSITIVE
- CREATIVE
- COLLABORATIVE
- RIGOROUS
- CARING

### Student - Centered



- Automation & Robotics
- Design and Model
- Green Architecture
- Engineering Design
- Computer Science
- Robotics Club
- 3D Printing
- On-site Tech Expeditions
- Industry-partnered Projects

### Technology & Engineering

Sevier Robotics sponsors the annual VEX Regional State Qualifier Tournament in November.



- Learning w/o walls
- Timely feedback
- Personalized instruction
- Real-time Collaboration
- Expanded learning resources
- Engaging presentations
- Enhanced motivation & focus

## 1-1 DEVICES



Enhanced Academic Rigor  
College and Career Exposure

Prepared for Advanced High School Focus  
Developing Focus in Career Cluster

### HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT OFFERINGS AT SEVIER

- PLTW - Intro to Engineering Design
- PLTW - Intro to Computer Science
- Algebra I at Gr. 7 & 8
- Geometry

- Art I
- Google Basics
- Spanish I

- Digital Media Arts
- Multimedia Basics
- English I Honors



- Team Building • Chemistry
- Drum Line • Cursive • Math Challenge • Logic • Service Learning • Speech and Debate
- CSI • Youth in Government
- Technological Design • Content Review & Preview • Painting
- Tech Design • iMovie Book Trailers • Falcon Friends

- Skills preview & re-teaching
- Small group or extra time
- Academic advancement
- Special interest & competition



## Enrichment

- Small Group
- Student Recognition
- Classroom Lessons
- Career Exploration
- Graduation & Career Planning
- Educational Counseling

**ASCA National Model**  
The American School Counselor Association



## ABC Monitoring and Incentive

- Tracking attendance, behavior, and class grades
- Teachers encourage, mentor, and support
- Each students expected to reach success
- Results include improved class grades and behavior
- Average number of "A's" per student on quarterly grades increased by 27%, Average number of "D's" and "F's" reduced by 17%.
- Students with 10 or more absences dropped by 21%.
- Disciplinary incidents resulting in in-school suspension (ISS) dropped by 26% and out-of-school suspension (OSS) reduced by 68%.

NATIONALLY ACCREDITED, ADVANC-ED • ENROLLMENT 762  
• ATTENDANCE – 95.9% • 2016-17 TEACHER OF THE YEAR: BRANDON SMITH • NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED: GINGER BARBARE ANNE BOLIN, CHERYL CRUELL, BRIAN FALLS, MARILYN MURPHY • 100% FACULTY PTA MEMBERSHIP • UNITED WAY CHAIRMAN'S AWARD • SIC CHAIR: SUSAN BISHOP • PTA CO-PRESIDENTS: APRIL STAMBAUGH & RITA KIRVEN • ACTIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING ADVISORY COUNCIL • ACTIVE STEAM ADVISORY COUNCIL • 50+ BUSINESSES & COLLEGES - CAREER FAIR • 9,700+ VOLUNTEER HOURS

## At a Glance

## ACADEMIC HONORS

**SC Junior Scholars:** Jada Brailsford-Frey, Bess Bridwell, Noa Clark, Chloe Crookes, Emin Demirkilic, Seth Dorchon, Owen Dover, Mitchell Evans, Kailee Graham, Logan Harrison, Evan Johnson, Noah Johnson, Aaron Labar, Gideon McCants, Hunain Mukri, Noah Saitz, Josiah Shealy, Davis Sponseller, Patrick Stone, Caroline Strinsky, Kayly Tran and Hayden Wyatt • **National Geography Bee:** Patrick Stone, Sevier winner advanced to state competition • **Duke Tip Qualifiers:** Grand Recognition: Alexis Rude State Recognition: Bayley Betsill, Hailey Bergentahl, Zoe Buddie, Andrew Collins, Alexis Rude; Academy of Summer Studies: Agustin Acevedo Ferman, Hailey Bergenthal, Zoe Buddie, Paxton Keskitalo, Christy Phan; Center for Summer Studies: Bayley Betsill, Andrew Collins, Mason Pridmore, Alexis Rude • **PLTW Intro to Engineering Design, 3 hr. college credit:** Logan Harrison, Gideon McCants, Noah Saitz, Jake Shore, Hayden Wyatt • **Top Media Center Patrons:** Julio Esteban 208, Vasily Goldobin 137, Rodney (AJ) Bures 112, Kendall Blakely 106

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

**Model United Nations:** Madison Brothers, Curtis Earley, Caroline Mathis, Meredith Pope, Shaler Reeves, Joshua Reyes, Evan Shealy, Clark Sponseller, Davis Sponseller, Parker Stambaugh, Lizzy Terry, Hayden Wyatt • **Youth in Government:** Sevier named Outstanding Delegation; Caroline Strinsky voted Outstanding Statesman; Chet Kolodziejski served as Committee Chair; Parker Stambaugh, Davis Sponseller, Patrick Stone and Jeremy Epps had bills signed into law • **ACE Awards:** Bess Bridwell & Naytron Lewers • **Beta Club:** Over 2,737 volunteer hours; support Triune Mercy Center and Make a Wish. • **Future Business Leaders of America:** Supports Ronald McDonald House. President, Jaylen Branch; Vice President, Faith Whiteside; Secretary, Brenda Gamez • **Recycling Matters Team:** Leah Chappell, Jacob Crisanto, Cam Cross, Austin Dodge, Christian Hines, Brettani Holloway, Randall Martin, Caroline Mathis, Jennifer Mondragon, Luke Newlin, Caroline Strinsky, Morgan Thoennes, Kayly Tran, and Caelen Wall. • **Perfect Attendance 3 years:** Idaly Ramirez-Mejia (since 1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Caroline Mathis (since K-5), Avona Le, Kayly Tran

## SPORT & FITNESS

**Volleyball:** 2<sup>nd</sup> NW Region • **Boys Basketball:** GCS Champions • **Girls Basketball:** tied 3<sup>rd</sup> NW Region • **Softball:** 1<sup>st</sup> NW Region • **Baseball:** 2<sup>nd</sup> NW Region • **Girls Soccer:** 2<sup>nd</sup> NW Region • **Falcon Anglers:** Matthew Giordano and Kaleb DeHart 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 15.48 lbs. at the SCDNR Youth Bass, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in middle schools and 4<sup>th</sup> overall against 210 at Lake Keowee, and 34<sup>th</sup> out of 272 at Lake Hartwell • **Falcon Walking Club:** top participants Warren Power, Reese Spisak, Kyle Stoddard, Alex Hoffman, Elijah Posner • **GCS MS All-Star Basketball** – Morgan Thoennes and Raquavious Hodge • **Special Olympics:** 6 gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze medals



## ARTS HONORS

**PTA Reflections:** Zoe Buddie: 1st Place in Music, 2nd Place in district level, and Certificate of Merit at state level; Maggie Hill: 1st Place in Dance; Jacob Bishop-Pirrone: 1st & 2nd Place in Photography, 3rd in District level, and 1st Place & Certificate of Merit in state level with advancement to Nationals; Literature: 1st Place Zoe Buddie, 2nd Place Adaline McCormack, 3rd Place Sania Williams, and Honorable Mention Chloe Henry; Visuals Arts: 1st Place Joshua Reyes, 2nd Place Lexie Pust (1st Place in state level with advancement to Nationals), 3rd Place Adelaide Nagy, and Honorable Mention to Olivia Pechin & Cassandra Hernandez-Zuniga • **GCS Middle School Art Show:** MacKenzie Marler Manent: 8th Grade 3rd Overall in Sculpture and Mia Leal: 6th Grade Honorable Mention in Mixed Media. • **North Greenville University Music Festival:** Orchestra rated Excellent • **Carowinds Festival of Music:** Orchestra rated Superior, Chorus rated Excellent • **All County Band:** Bess Bridwell, Esdras Williams, Chet Kolodziejski, Randall Martin, and Mitchell Evans (1st chair tenor saxophone) • **All County Strings:** Mason Bailey, Caroline Bryant, Taylor Smith, Mariela Rodriguez, and Cassandra Hernandez-Zuniga • **Region Band:** Bess Bridwell, 2nd chair flute for Region 1 • **Region Strings:** Paige Geiger • **Prelude Strings:** Marina Nardulli & Colbie Ray • **Spring Sing:** Willow Baker, Macie Batson, Bailey Betsill, Jacob Bishop, Erica Bonilla, Amya Bruster, Makayla Collins, Camille Creps, Alexander Espinoza, Rachel Hamby, Francis Hernandez, Danny Ho, Caise Lavallee, Noah Milholin, Hayden Moody, Christy Phan, Lexie Pust, Vicky Pilz, Kayla Ruff, Delaney Shabel, Jahzier Thorne, Kennedy Tillery, Kameron Watson, and Kayla Wood • **Rising Fine Arts Students:** Leah Chappell, Architecture; Jacob Bishop-Pirrone, Voice; Gideon McCants, Visual Arts; Gabe Cleveland, Film-Making; and Bess Bridwell, Randal Martin & Katie Lee for Music

## ENGINEERING & DESIGN

**Robotics:** Circuit Breakers with Gabe Cleveland, Olivia Pechin, Caroline Mathis, Kayly Tran, and Mark Juarez won **Design Award** at Williamston Competition and at the Falcon Qualifier; Star Trekers with Travis Dill, Elijah Childers, Taylor Smith, Liam McHaffie, and Boston Carswell received the **Skills Award**, highest score for Programming and Driving Skills at the Falcon Qualifier; Cade Greeley, Andy Collins, Jose Hernandez-Ignacio, Paxton Keskitalo, and Adrian Alamilla-Vega won **Middle School Excellence Award** at the Indian Land Competition • **TechFit:** Award of Excellence for Best Nano Flowchart Program • **Flour Corporation 2017 Fluor/Science Buddies Engineering Challenge winners:** Trent Gould, Loren Long, and Keir Dorchon

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