



# McCants Middle School

## Annual SIC Report to Parents 2016-2017

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Annual Report

### McCants Middle School

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### Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the McCants 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.

### SIC Goals

- ❖ Enhance classroom learning by implementing one-to-one technology for all middle-level students;
- ❖ Increase school-to-home communication among all stakeholders;
- ❖ Increase student engagement with the implementation of research-based practices and instructional strategies; and
- ❖ Form a strong educational link within the community to strengthen relationships among all stakeholders.

### Introduction

McCants Middle School's goal is to help all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our school is pleased to have a reputation of excellence and a tradition of academic achievement in the Anderson community for over 80 years. Our students engage in scholarly pursuits while participating in inquiry-based learning and our goal is to raise the academic achievement level of all our students through the philosophy of providing a "STUDENT-CENTERED EDUCATION."

We continue to implement new instructional strategies to move all students to their greatest academic potential and encourage them to become successful self-directed learners. McCants' teachers participate in professional learning opportunities that are determined based on test data, observational data, the needs of our students, and the goals of our school. Our school's goals continue to include research-based instructional practices, parent communication, data

analysis, and technology integration. Under Anderson School District Five's leadership, we will continue to offer one to one technology for the 2017 - 2018 academic school year. All students in grades 6-8 will receive a Chromebook so that we can fully integrate technology into our curriculum and instructional program.

McCants Middle School strives for excellence in the arts, athletics, and academics. We are pleased to offer a strong fine arts program in which students have the opportunity to take courses such as band, orchestra, art, and drama. We offer Gateway to Engineering courses and a variety of technology courses to better prepare our students for possible STEM majors and careers. We are fortunate to work together with Clemson University to provide *It's a Girl Thing*, a program that brings engineering students to our campus to introduce STEM majors to our female students. Athletic opportunities at the middle school level include football, basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading.

McCants follows a model of high expectations and continuous improvement as we strive to be on the cutting edge of student engagement and achievement. We make every effort to provide an educational environment in which all students have the opportunity to inspire, motivate, and be "future ready." We strive for our students to be globally prepared for 21st century challenges, as well as be caring people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

## Mission Statement

The mission of McCants Middle School is to ensure academic excellence, promote an enduring passion for learning, and encourage global citizenship, while celebrating the success of each individual learner.

## PTA/School Improvement Council Membership

<b>PTA Board/Committee Chairs SIC Members</b>
Robin Stringer
Tobi Cameron
Lori Kinley
Gretchen Foster
Wendy Reffel
Tammy Smith
Becky Easton
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Cameron McElhannon
Carole McLellan

## Areas of Pride/Achievements

Achievement	
Past three years' S.C. Report Card ratings	Excellent
Percent of students enrolled in high school credit courses	20.0%
Percent of students served by gifted/talented program	53.4%
Percent of teachers with advanced degrees	67.3%
Number of Junior Scholars (16-17)	25
Number of Junior Scholars in past three years	64
Number of Duke TIP Scholars (16-17)	5
Number of Duke TIP Scholars in past three years	13
Foreign language course offerings (16-17) *American Sign Language	Spanish *ASL
One-to-one computer devices for students (Chromebooks)	Yes
PTA Leadership and Parent Involvement	Excellent
Individualized Learning Time (ILT) for extra academic help	Yes
Percent of students satisfied with learning environment	84.8%
Percent of parents satisfied with learning environment	91.9%
Percent of teachers who are highly qualified (state designation)	100.0%

## Testing

<b>S.C. End-of-Course Test (high school courses)</b> (scoring $\geq$ 70%)		
	Algebra 1	100.0%
	English 1	98.9%
<b>S.C. PASS Test</b> (% exceeding/meeting standard)		
	Grade 6 Science	68.5%
	Grade 7 Science	71.0%
	Grade 8 Science	68.5%
	Grade 6 Social Studies	76.8%
	Grade 7 Social Studies	66.7%
	Grade 8 Social Studies	78.1%
<b>S.C. Ready College and Career Readiness Test</b> (% exceeding/meeting standard)		
	Grade 6 English	47.0%
	Grade 7 English	49.6%
	Grade 8 English	45.4%
	Grade 6 Math	46.5%
	Grade 7 Math	38.1%
	Grade 8 Math	47.7%

## Student Activities/Organizations

National BETA Club
FCA
Scripts Spelling Bee School Competition
National Geography Bee School Competition
Clemson University's <i>It's a Girl Thing</i> (Engineering)
McCants Student Government
Math Counts Club
Project Unify
Seventh Grade Football
Eighth Grade Football
Volleyball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Community Service Projects
Grade-Level Field Trips – Biltmore House, Jekyll Island, New York/Washington/Pennsylvania
Band
Orchestra
Drama
321 Green Team (Recycling)
Google Computer Science Club
Greenville Drive <i>Reading All-Stars</i>
<i>Read Your Way to the Big Game</i>
<i>S.C. Junior Book Award Reading Program</i>
<i>Swamp Rabbits Hat Trick Reading Challenge</i>
School District Five Media Festival

## School Information

Enrollment	676
Number of teachers	49
Student-teacher ratio	22.7 to 1

## Note from the Principal

We want to thank our PTA and SIC members for their enduring support this year! It is rare to have a school where so many parents and community members are willing to assist us with our needs. This generosity of time and financial support has allowed us to improve our school and do more for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service.

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