

## SIC Annual Goals

- ♦ By the spring of 2019, the on-time graduation rate for our students will be 88% as indicated on the school report card, and we will sustain this graduation rate.
- ♦ By the spring of 2019, maintain 100% highly qualified staff.
- ♦ By the spring of 2019, State Report Card “Parent/Student Survey” will show an 80% satisfaction rate for school-home relations, 90% for learning environment and 80% for social and physical environment.
- ♦ By the spring of 2019, the EOC pass rate will be 76% and we will sustain this.
- ♦ By the spring of 2019, 65% of students in Grades 6-8 will meet standards on the state assessment.

### RSMMS THEMATIC PROGRAMS

#### AGRICULTURE

Through our Farm to Table program, students learn how to grow, maintain, market and prepare food for human consumption. They will learn through school gardens and our farming partners.

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

To ensure all of our students have the skills to be successful in life, they need to learn essential business, finance, marketing and technology skills, in addition to the necessary soft skills as identified in the Profile of the SC graduate.

#### HEALTH SCIENCE

Health care and medical professions are in high demand and provide our society the support needed to live healthy lives. Our students can receive preparation and certifications in various health care job skills.

## Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle/High School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2017-18



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## School Purpose

Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle/High School will consistently provide avenues for our students to become lifelong learners and productive members of the community.

## School Direction

Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle/High School is the center of the community.

- In collaboration with our students and parents, we focus on academic skills, with a priority on reading comprehension, writing clarity, and problem solving skills.
- We develop lifelong learners who are responsible and productive members of the community.
- Our students develop effective communication skills that facilitate their long term success beyond the classroom.
- We promote social and cultural awareness and understanding, so that our students, staff and faculty understand and accept diversity, in the school and within the community, and globally.
- Our students are technologically competent and responsible.
- We remain connected to the community through all available means.

## Student Achievements

- The 2017 senior class received over \$1,174,939 in scholarships with 15 qualifying for the Life scholarship and finishing with a 89% grad rate with 76% enrolling in post-secondary education and/or training.
- RSMMHS True Blue Band regularly celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and Superior ratings.
- Our students compete in many sports to include: football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track & field, softball, baseball, soccer, and golf.
- Our athletes received many awards including five athletes who received All State honors for fall and winter sports: two in football, one in volleyball, and one each in girls and boys basketball. The RSM Boys Basketball team are the Class A 2017-2018 Upper State Champions!
- Our Health Occupations Students of America team continued to earn high honors at the state competition with the 1<sup>st</sup> ever RSM student elected as a State HOSA President.
- The Drama class once again participated in the Aiken County Garcia Festival, earning praise for its efforts and several awards.
- 3 students participated in the 2017 SC Chamber of Commerce Business Week.
- Our students participated in the Hour of Code Initiative, IT-ology and Introduction to Coding.
- 24 participated with the Everfi: Financial Literacy Program
- 15 MTU Girls Day participants

## School Achievements

- RSMMHS increased advanced learning opportunities to include AP course offerings, Teacher Cadets through USC-Aiken, ATC courses for HS dual enrollment and dual enrollment HS credit courses for middle school students.
- Our counselor, career specialist, students and their parents completed 100% of scheduled IGP & ILP meetings.
- The middle and high school band, chorus, drama and Art classes joined together in December & in May to hold Fine Arts Night in the gymnasium. They also participated in the Morris Museum of Arts Combining Voices Competition.
- This school year, the school continued a character education program in conjunction with a renewed mentor program and an outreach program for at-risk students as well as developed school-based entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Middle school students participated in Future City, MathCounts, CSRA Science Fair, District Spelling Bee, Geography Bee as well as band and sports to include: football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, as well as HS level track, soccer, baseball and softball.

### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle/High 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.”*

## Additional Information

RSM Middle/High School is the home of the Trojans. We are a small, rural combined middle/high school in the heart of Peach Country with a wealth of tradition and a strong connection to our community. In the next several years, construction will continue, eventually resulting in a K-12 campus on this location.

Our students are committed to being responsible neighbors and productive members of the community. RSMMHS enables all students to be able to develop the world class skills and career characteristics of the Profile of the SC Graduate through a direct focus on literacy and critical thinking skill development in all classes. Our students develop connections to quality post-secondary opportunities including two-year and four-year colleges through participation and success in advanced coursework emphasizing dual enrollment opportunities as a result of a continued partnership with Aiken Technical College.

Our staff encourages students who may not be planning on attending a four year college to take the steps necessary to become 21st century career ready through enrollment at the Aiken County Career Center and attaining work-based learning opportunities. In our guidance conferences with our students, we focus on helping our students develop reasonable plans to achieve their dreams. Each month, we meet in small groups to discuss character values, such as integrity, cooperation, and judgment. Through it all, we strive to keep in synch with surrounding community, thus remaining “the center of the community.” Please stop by and see us sometime up on the Ridge.

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