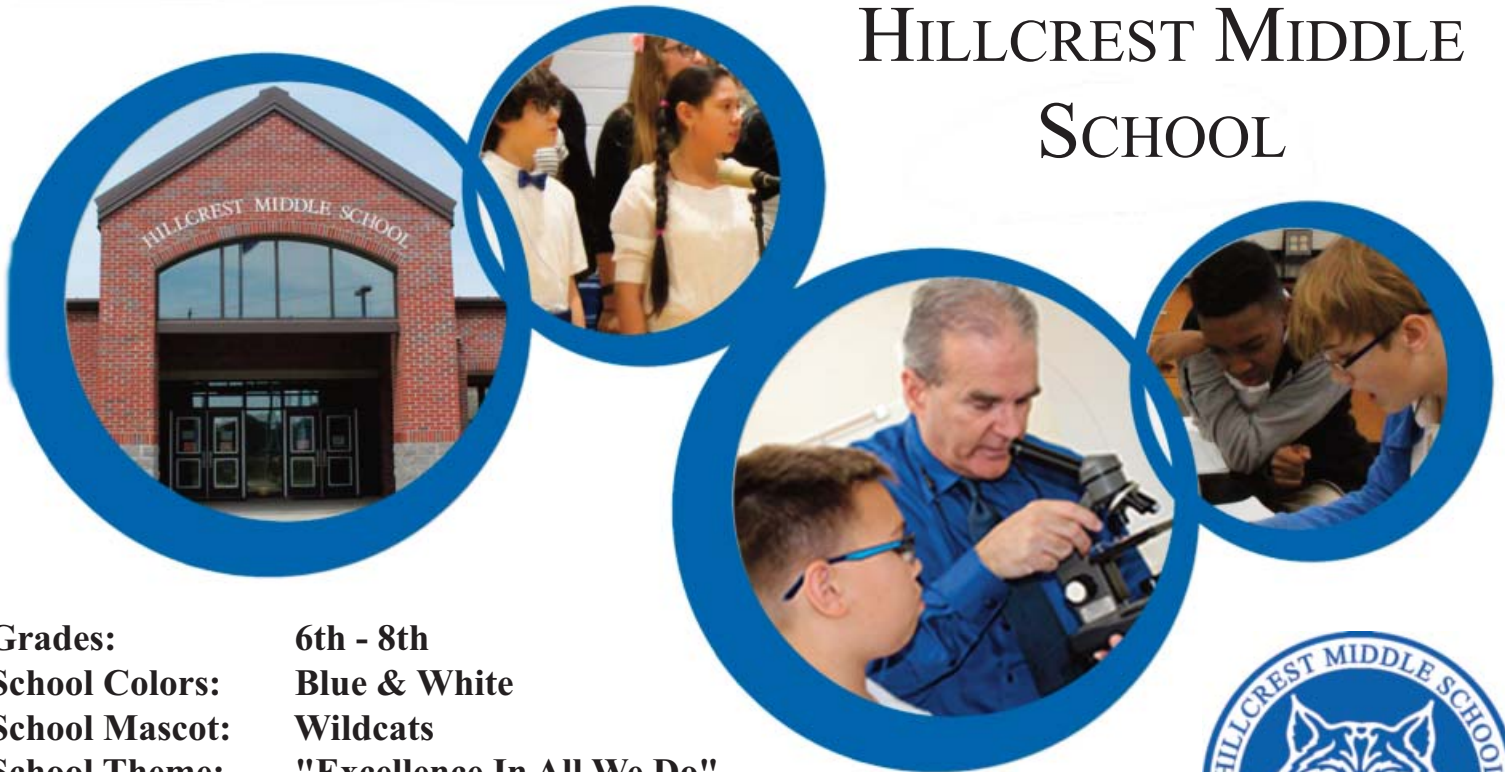


# HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Grades:** 6th - 8th  
**School Colors:** Blue & White  
**School Mascot:** Wildcats  
**School Theme:** "Excellence In All We Do"  
**Enrollment:** 380  
**Average Class Size:** 25



## Brief Summary of Instructional Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hillcrest Middle School helps all students develop world class skills, life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a challenging academic learning environment that focuses on creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. We provide such an environment through the implementation of our school vision where the emphasis is on the total child. We demonstrate this vision by challenging our students with creative and innovative best practices and continuous professional development for our teachers.

Our developmentally appropriate school-wide curriculum is fully aligned to state standards. We continue to work hard to increase academic achievement of all students and improve teacher quality

through professional development. Faculty and support staff members are dedicated to concentrating on best practices and strategies that continue to improve the educational profile and academic standing of our school. Hillcrest continues to bring new strategies into the classroom through ALEKS, READ 180, differentiated instruction, benchmark assessments, STEM activities, Making Middle Grades Work, workshops, content specific conferences, increased use of technology, and Powerful Pedagogy Sessions.

We believe that teamwork is necessary to achieve the goals of our school. Therefore, we thank our teachers, students, SIC, parents, volunteers, Shaw Air Force Base, and the community for playing an integral part in the success of our school.

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## Outstanding Features/Programs

- Annual Career Fair
- Career Specialist
- Special Education Program
- Fine Arts Program (Art, Band, Chorus, and Physical Education)
- Guidance Services
- Spring and Winter Musical Concerts
- Athletic Program (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Track)
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Military Students Support Group
- ALEKS
- READ 180
- Algebra Nation
- Moby Max
- Newsela
- No Red Ink Writing Program
- Online Textbook Resources

## Recent Awards and Honors

- AdvancED Accreditation
- Evening Optimist Club Winner
- Junior Scholars
- Golden Apple Awards
- Regional Band Participants
- Breakfast Promotion Recognition
- Academic Challenge Team Recognition
- Air Force Association Teacher of the Year

## Extracurricular Activities

- National Junior Honor Society
- Beta Club
- Student Council
- Junior Civitan Club
- Field Day
- Homecoming
- Yearbook
- Techno Teen Club
- Academic Challenge Team

## School Incentives

- Perfect Discipline Recognition Program
- Academic Awards Program
- Accelerated Reader Recognition
- Citizenship Awards
- Perfect Attendance Awards
- Crystal Apple Awards
- Golden Pen Awards

## Parent and Teacher Opportunities

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Faculty Advisory Council (FAC)
- Teacher Advisory Council (TAC)
- Math Night
- Family Literacy Night
- Fall Family Fun Night
- Open House
- Parent/Teacher Conference Night
- Volunteer Program

## Community Involvement

- School-Business Partnership Program
- School Volunteer Program
- Principal for the Day
- Food Drives
- Caps for Kids
- American Heart Walk
- Relay for Life
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- March of Dimes Fundraiser
- Catchall Senior Citizens Luncheon
- Pennies for Patients
- Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative
- Annual Book and Coat Drives
- Fantasy of Lights
- Earth Day
- Letters to Santa Program (Oakland Primary School)
- Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser
- Fall Family Fun Night
- Civil Air Patrol Partnership

## Faculty Profile

- 1 Principal
- 1 Assistant Principal
- 1 School Counselor
- 1 Career Specialist
- 1 Curriculum Teacher
- 1 Media Specialist
- 27 Teachers
- 7 Paraprofessionals
- 18 Support Staff

