



Cowpens Middle School

*"A REVOLUTIONARY PAST, AN
EXTRAORDINARY FUTURE"*

2010-2011

School Renewal Plan Summary



Principal's Message

Cowpens Middle School experienced a year of excitement and change. Keeping student success in the forefront of every decision, the faculty, staff, and administration worked tirelessly to provide each student with the assistance needed to move one year closer to college.

Providing students with Enrichment and Red Raider Reading classes daily were two avenues to academic success. Students were also given the opportunity to attend extended day classes

twice a week. Teachers worked on presenting students with assessments which were rigorous and standards based. Formative and summative assessment design was a major focus for faculty members as they continued to work on the middle level curriculum.

Realizing that middle school is not all work, students were introduced to a new incentive program in which they could earn "Wampum." Incorporating our character education development with acts of responsibility, students were able to earn "Wampum" and then spend them for various items or trips during the year. Students were also able to "Showcase" their academic proficiency before parents once each semester at our first annual "Student Showcase."

CMS students continue to show excellence in all areas. As you will see below, our major accomplishments are proof that CMS is working on raising not only good students, but good citizens also.

The middle school years are full of excitement and change, with this year being no exception. Cowpens Middle School heralds "A Revolutionary Past" and looks forward to "An Extraordinary Future."

Cynthia D. James

2010-2011 Major Accomplishments

- Achieved an increase in Absolute Rating from 3.13 to 3.22 to move to a "Good" rating
- Achieved "Palmetto Silver" Award
- Achieved a "Good" Improvement Rating
- Implemented "Enrichment Period" for students who scored NOT MET on PASS – 60 minutes each day
- Worked in conjunction with MSP teachers to complete middle school curriculum guides
- Developed standards based summative assessments and effective formative assessments
- Implemented "Red Raider Reading" – 25 minutes of self-selected reading per day
- Implemented "Wampum" – a positive behavior program
- Implemented "Raider ACE" cards for academic excellence
- Implemented "Student Showcase" – an opportunity for students to display their work in the classrooms
- Awarded SCNSPRA Award for the Veterans Day Program and the monthly newsletter

- Completed the School Renewal Plan and participated in the District Accreditation Process
- Honored 13 Junior Scholars; two students selected to attend Scholar's Academy
- Celebrated an undefeated regular season for our girls' basketball team
- Collected Toys for Riley, hats and gloves for local students, money for Relay for Life, and St. Jude's Math-a-thon
- Produced "High School Musical" by our music ATLAS students

2011-2012 Cowpens Middle School Priorities

Student Achievement

- ✓ Maintain absolute rating of "Good" on SDE report card
- ✓ Continue "Enrichment Period" 60 minutes each day during the school day for students who scored NOT MET on PASS
- ✓ Utilize "First in Math" and "Bold Print" materials during Enrichment Period
- ✓ Continue "Extended Day" two days per week for students who scored NOT MET on PASS
- ✓ Continue "Red Raider Reading," 25 minutes of silent sustained reading each day for all students
- ✓ Focus on accelerating the curriculum for our ATLAS students
- ✓ Implement "Introduction to Personal Finance" as an exploratory

School Climate

- ✓ Implement Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- ✓ Continue a Positive Behavior System for students which will incorporate rewarding good character traits and academic excellence (Raider Wampus and Raider ACE cards)
- ✓ Continue formal and informal opportunities for parents to see student work and to meet with teachers face to face, i.e. Student Showcase and Parent Involvement Day
- ✓ Continue monthly newsletter to keep parents informed of school events and other information

Teacher Quality

- ✓ Conduct book study with teachers *Classroom Assessment & Grading that Works* by Marzano and *Checking for Understanding* by Fisher and Frey
- ✓ Implement Vertical Team meetings once per month
- ✓ Conduct monthly meetings with first year teachers (*Why Didn't I Learn This in College?* by Rutherford)

Student Achievement Data

**PASS Performance
2010 – 2011
Students Meeting Standard
Spartanburg School District Three**

**Cowpens Middle School
Grade 6**

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	75.0	66.3	63.6	82.1	72.5
2011	66.1	72.9	74.1	83.5	N/A

**Cowpens Middle School
Grade 7**

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	77.3	74.0	83.8	78.0	75.0
2011	68.3	72.0	73.8	67.9	N/A

**Cowpens Middle School
Grade 8**

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	63.6	62.4	84.5	70.4	67.2
2011	77.7	81.3	90.1	84.9	72.1