



Southside Middle

SouthsideMiddleSchoolF1S



GRADES
6-8

ENROLLMENT
950

CLASS SIZE
24
AVERAGE

STUDENT TO
TEACHER
RATIO
23:1

PRINCIPAL
**Jefferey
Gaines**

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MISSION **Cultivating Today's Learners to Become Tomorrow's Leaders**

NOTEWORTHY

Distinguished Arts Program School

Southside Middle School is proud to be home to the F1S Fine Arts Academy featuring visual and performing arts. Students from all attendance zones can apply to attend. Highlights and opportunities include participation in band, guitar, piano lab, orchestra, photography, dance, theater, the Blue Note Performing Choral Group, and an array of visual arts programs.

AdvancED STEM Certified & Project Lead the Way School

Southside Middle School is an AdvancED STEM certified school offering a variety of Project Lead the Way courses, including robotics, medical detectives, fundamentals of computing, and design and modeling. Combined, these classes provide students with a well-rounded learning experience in which they are able to develop skills in critical thinking, collaboration, and teamwork.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Career Exploration

Our Career Classes teach young learners how to set career goals and create an education roadmap for achieving those goals. Courses explore 16 career clusters, and students create personal portfolios and resumes, in addition to completing job applications. Career classes culminate in students participating in job interviews.

Extracurricular Activities

Academic: Academic Challenge Team ▪ National Junior Beta Club ▪ Student Government Association ▪ Young Men of Character
Athletic: Baseball ▪ Basketball ▪ Bass Fishing ▪ Fellowship of Christian Athletes ▪ Football ▪ Soccer ▪ Volleyball

Faculty & Staff

We are a committed team of 60 teachers; 87% hold advanced degrees.

Extended Learning Opportunities

After school tutoring is offered three days per week at no cost. Certified teachers are on hand to provide academic support.



Technology

1:1 Chromebooks

MASCOT

Bruin Cub

COLORS



FOUNDED **1958**

COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Communications

Keeping the lines of communication open between school and home is a key component to student success in middle school. At Southside, we pride ourselves on our strong partnerships with families to ensure this success. Monthly parent workshops, social media platforms, parent conferences, and messages shared via Blackboard are a few of the many ways we keep parents, families, and guardians in-the-know about upcoming events and important information.

Community Involvement

Southside Middle School is fortunate to have an active Association of Parents and Teachers and an engaged School Improvement Council. Both groups work tirelessly to help make Southside a great place to be.

Additionally, our student-led service organizations, such as the Student Government Association, National Junior Beta Club, and Young Men of Character, consistently support the greater community through a variety of worthwhile volunteer efforts.

SAFETY

Keeping our students and staff safe is a priority. At SMS, we have a School Resource Officer and a Security Guard on campus at all times. Our main entrance remains locked and access is controlled by a front lobby receptionist who is aided by a monitoring camera and doorbell system. Classroom visitors are by appointment only, and all guests must be accompanied by a member of our administrative team while on campus.

77%

of parents indicate their children feel safe at school

97%

of teachers feel safe at school before and after hours

SCREADY TEST SCORES

MATH	2019 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2018 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	+/-
7 TH	23%	21%	2%
8 TH	23%	16%	7%
ELA	2019 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	2018 % Scoring MEETS or EXCEEDS	+/-
7 TH	39%	27%	12%
8 TH	41%	29%	12%

Southside Middle School Report Card 2018-2019

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
ARTS & MATH

AVERAGE

SCIENCE
& SOCIAL
STUDIES

AVERAGE

STUDENT
GROWTH AND
PROGRESS

GOOD

STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT

GOOD



Overall, performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

2018-19 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING

GOOD