

“Leaders of the 21st Century”

Military Magnet Academy



2019 Annual Community Report

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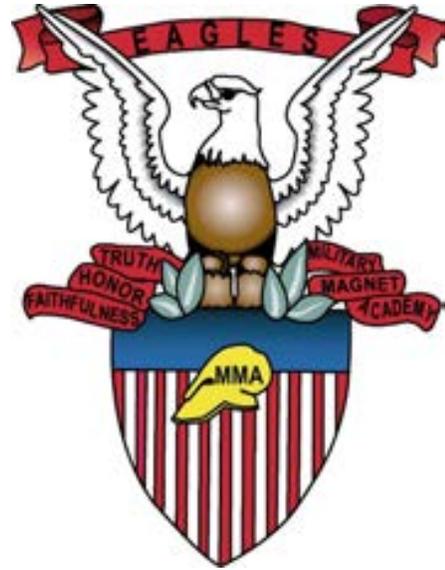
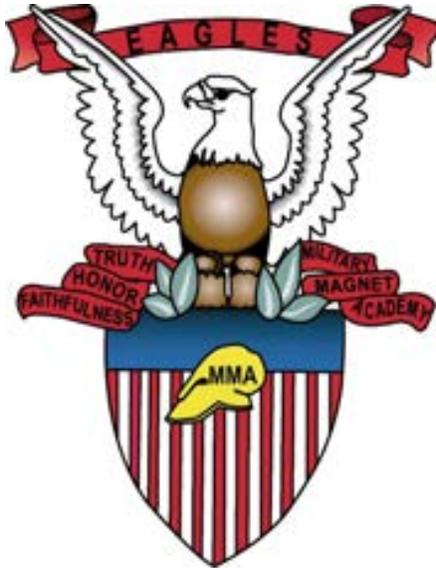
Ms. Keria Gibson, Assistant Principal

Mr. Charles Benton, Assistant Principal (On Assignment)

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Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent CCSD



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MMA received the PALMETTO GOLD AWARD for Student Achievement and for Closing the Achievement Gap



Our History: “Imagine the Possibilities”

Twenty years ago, we opened the doors to this school with great expectations and dreams of creating a place where students would thrive and grow academically. We wanted to address the behavior problems and inspire students to become competent, disciplined and responsible citizens to lead “tomorrow’s” world

The four pillars of our military style school were building an intellectual foundation, developing leadership skills, preparing the physical body, and developing ethical standards.

Building on the success and data resulting from the pilot project started as a volunteer service by Command Sergeant Major Joseph Dawson, Jr., the dream of taking the pilot project to scale in a school wide program was actualized. Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Barbara Dillard, with help from Colonel James Coar and others, identified a list of generals and senior military officers to serve as an advisory panel and assist in developing this “new school.” The cooperation and support from Principal Andrea Heyer, Area Superintendent Jean Murray and other CCSD district staff resulted in a yearlong planning and preparation for the Military Magnet Middle School.

The Military Advisory Panel members, led by General Henry Doctor and other military senior officers volunteered countless hours and traveled great distances to plan and advise the CCSD team in the development of the school.

Once the misconception of the school became clear to applicants that it was not a “discipline school” for misbehaving or uncontrollable students, the enrollment adjusted to students and parents who were committed to the tenants and purpose of the school.

In 1999, the Military Magnet School Foundation was formed to support students with their academic and leadership training. Business partnerships with MEADWestvaco, North Charleston Rotary-Lunch and Breakfast, SPARWAR, EXXON Mobile, Rhodia and many other local businesses and community organizations have provided a lifeline of support for our cadets, administration and faculty. Under the leadership of Mr. John Snowden, the MMA Foundation continues to support cadets with scholarships, uniform purchases, field trip travel expenses, and many other items and activities which enable our students to learn and prepare for leadership. Our cadets willingly serve the community and are consistently featured in many military and civic ceremonies by posting the colors, participating at parades all over the county, annual Veteran’s Day events, and service organization activities, as requested.

A Vision of Excellence; A glimpse into the Military Magnet Academy...



The Charleston County School District's Military Magnet Academy is a caring school where all cadets are challenged to learn every day.

The Military Magnet Academy prepares students to become competent, disciplined, and responsible citizens by providing the necessary learning environment.

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The academic program develops the whole person by providing a foundation for success in today's world of high technology.

We are a school where daily we are striving to ensure our cadet scholars, staff, and community stakeholders believe our student learners deserve;

- the chance to achieve Academic Excellence
- a foundation that leads to success.
- a safe and positive learning environment.
- challenging academic and leadership opportunities
- the support of parents, peers, educators, and the community.

It is our responsibility to nurture our cadet scholar's dreams so that they become reality. We must be daily motivators and encourager of success and achievement. Coupled with hard work, our school will indeed reach all of our goals.



Who Are We?

“Leaders of the 21st Century”



Military Magnet Academy is one of fifteen schools in the Charleston County School District's secondary-post secondary learning community. Located in the Chicora community of North Charleston, the academy serves 451 cadet scholars in grades 6 -12 from across Charleston County. The school is the only Title 1 funded full magnet organization in the cohort of CCSD.



Military Magnet Academy provides academic courses at all levels including; dual credit in collaboration with The Trident Technical College; Advanced Placement (AP) classes, as well as Career and Technology Education.



What we have to offer...

A True Military Experience



During the summer, our cadets participate in excellent training programs on leadership and followership at the Marine Camp in Parris Island, Junior Leadership Course at Ft. Jackson, onsite leadership training and annual summer camp for new students at McCrady National Guard Center in Eastover, SC. The list below is the professional military staff members that lead the cadets at the Military Magnet Academy;

Commandant of Cadets

Middle Grades

6 Tactical Officers

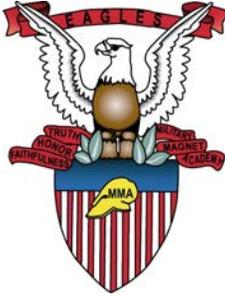
USN, USA, USMC, USAF

High School

Senior Army Instructor (SAI)

2 Certified JROTC Instructors





Professional Educators and Support Staff...

MMA Administration

Principal

Assistant Principal

Director of School Counseling

Lead Curriculum Instructor

Master Literacy Coach

Middle Grades

High School

12 Certified Core Instructors

11 Certified Core Instructors

3 CTE Instructors

Band/ Art Instructor

ESOL Instructor

Physical Education/ Health Instructor

FOCUS Program Personnel

School Counseling Services

2 HS Counselor /Middle Grades Counselor

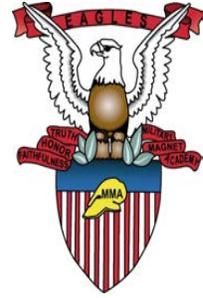
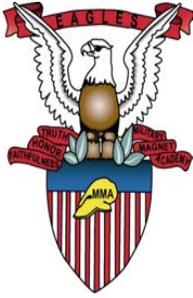
Mental Health Counselor

MMA School Psychologist

School Nurse

MMA SRO

Professional Food Service Staff



Academics at the Military Magnet Academy...



Military Magnet Academy, accredited by the former Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will now continue as an accredited organization under the umbrella of CCSD's partnership with AdvancED. When our students move to other systems and on to higher education, their credits will be viewed as being of high quality. Accredited systems are often viewed as having a "seal of approval" as an indicator of the quality of the instructional experiences provided to students in the system. AdvancED accreditation opens doors to being competitive for national grants since many of them require external accreditation status for eligibility. It is our goal to provide a rigorous academic program that is comparable to not only the district and state schools, but educational institutions that perform at the highest levels both nationally and internationally. Please visit our website: <https://militarymagnet.ccsdschools.com/> for additional information regarding academics, staff, athletics, and other programs the Military Magnet Academy has to offer our families and cadet scholars.



Military Magnet

Highlights and Achievements...

MMA 2017–2018 Acknowledgements

English Department

Middle School

- Cadets completed external learning experiences by completing activities with local authors, poets, and professional writers.
- Instructors completed Year 2 of integrating adaptive digital content; NoRedink and Achieve 3000 in all classes.

High School

- Focused on Social-Emotional skills and building relationships via CKH.
- Exchange experience with SOA – “Midsummer Nights Dream”
- Implementation of critical thinking strategies, test preparation, text analysis and self-reflective learning implemented in all HS English classes.

Mathematics Department

Middle and High School

- Implemented computer assisted instruction in grades 6th – 12th using IXL, ALEKS, and Edgenuity for credit recovery, content recovery, and MAP assessment preparation.
- Welcomed 2 new instructors for our HS Geometry and Algebra courses, and increased the HS credit offerings for middle school cadets.
- Instructors continued working to create and implement a cohesive and coherent MMA Mathematics curriculum to span from 6th grade to 12th grade.

Special Education

- Participated in multiple CCSD-DECS training and professional development in-services.
- Reorganized and develop systems for the MMA DEC. Completed individual case manager training.

MMA 2017–2018 Acknowledgements

History- Social Studies Department

Middle School

- All classes implemented computer assisted instruction technology per professional learning strategies from Anne Wyman’s Embark training.
- Transitioned to full use of Google classroom and related apps.
- 2nd year of increased in performance scores and content mastery on the measure of academic progress (MAP) assessment.

High School

- Continued the service-learning project (Community home renovations and the “Under the Bridge” initiative).
- Integrated within the standards based curriculum, a focus on civic engagement, citizenship, critical analysis and writing (using DBQ’s and short assessment responses), and test taking strategies applicable across all content areas.
- Increased the attendance of Cadet scholars in both the AP Human Geography course and U.S. History EOC prep and tutorial cohorts.

Science Department

Middle School

- Enrolled all 8th grade honors cadet scholars in the high school Earth Science course for credit.
- In addition to the traditional SC Science Pass preparation reviews, implemented a series of guest professionals with knowledge of the content to help with student retention and content connection to the real world, including the Coastal Conservation League.
- Instructors collaborated with English instructors to implement a “focus on literacy through science” by reading science-related text for book reports.

High School

- Implemented 1:1 digital learning in all HS science courses.
- Cadets participated in the R.L. Childer’s Midway Physics Day, the SC Aquarium Sea Turtle project, Jon Perry’s lecture series on Evolution, and the Center for Ecological living and learning’s activity series on Ecology.

MMA 2017–2018 Acknowledgements

School Counseling

- Facilitated the implementation of year 2 PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System), including the use of the school store (Eagle PX) is packed on Fridays with students spending over \$400 in Eagle bucks they have received.
- The MMA Annual School Climate Telethon raised \$1000 with donations coming from parents, teachers, and local businesses.
- Increased the number of school counseling education opportunities with cadet scholars in grades 6-12.
- Provided workshops on College Board assessments, scholarship application completion, as well as post secondary employment opportunities for high school cadet scholars.

Physical Education

- Established health and awareness initiative, complementary of the required health education and curriculum completed by high school cadet scholars.
- Collaborated with the Tactical officer staff to provide a comprehensive physical education experience for middle grade cadet scholars.

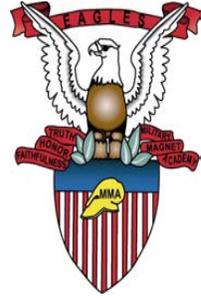
Fine Arts

Band

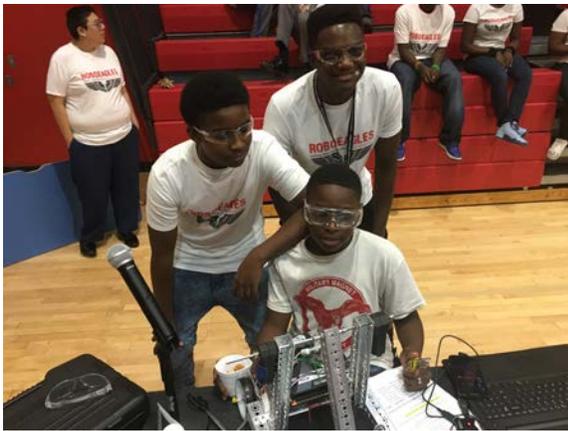
- Offered the 1st Music Appreciation class for MMA cadets.
- Working to increase band membership and enrollment, and showcased the beginner band members in the MMA showcase.
- Creating opportunity for auditions and scholarship auditions with Burke High School.
- Received a performance award in the City of Charleston and Red Top parades.

Visual Art

- Promoted and submitted student artwork to the Coastal Carolina Fair Youth Art Exhibition, the MMA yearbook, and various contests in the greater Charleston area.
- Collaborated with a professional artist-in-residence, to complete learning opportunities with the focus on sewing and embroidering.
- Visited and completed workshops at the Gibbes Arts Museum, the American College of the Building Arts, and the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art
- Received \$2000 grant from the Charleston Marathon Youth Endowment.



Career Exploration at the Military Magnet Academy...



Information Technology

- Year 2 “MMA Eagle Helpdesk” – WBL (Working on PC Pro Certification)
- Established partnerships and internships with McCloud Information Systems – Cyber Security and the College of Charleston Computer Science Department.
- TechnoEagles established at MMA.
- Cadets completed the BOSS-Up soft skills certification training.
- 13 IT Completers

Culinary Arts

- 2 MMA Graduates to major in Culinary Arts at JW University and USC-Beaufort
- Full-year study of Global Cuisine
- “People’s Choice Award Winner” – 2018 Southern Fried Chicken Challenge.

Business

- MMA cadets participated in the Discover MUSC Career Fair – “1st attendee award”.
- Job shadowing work-based learning opportunity with Stingray Graphics.
- Established the school-based work store.



- MMA Cadets participated in a series of focused learning experiences including the following topics; Mock Interviews, IRS-1040 EZ forms, Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, and Leadership in Employment.



Athletics at the Military Magnet Academy...

The athletic department at the Military Magnet is dedicated to providing all student athletes with the opportunity to compete with confidence and the expectation of success with any school sanctioned under the South Carolina High School League. Though small in numbers, our cadet athletes are committed to maximizing their ability and opportunities to showcase their skill and desire to achieve at the highest levels recognized in high school sports. The number of participants continues to increase yearly, and anticipate great growth and development of our sports teams and related programs. This year's highlights includes a strong wrestling campaign by our eagle grapplers including two national qualifiers, Class A Region IV championships in both Track and Field, and Girl's Basketball.

***WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDITIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE COMING YEARS!***

Fall/ Winter Sports

Cross Country
Football
Volleyball
Girls/ Boys Basketball
Wrestling
Cheerleading
Marching Band



Region Championships

Girls Basketball (10-0)
Track and Field

Region Runner-Up

Varsity Volleyball

State Playoff Qualifiers

Girls/ Boys Basketball
Wrestling
Baseball
Softball
Football
Boy's Cross Country



Spring Sports

Middle School Soccer
Track and Field
Baseball
Softball



Military Magnet Academy

Organizational Data Summary

Student Achievement

Middle School (6 – 8)

The Military Magnet Academy is located in North Charleston, SC and has an enrollment of 454 students in grades 6-12 with 70.0% African American, 26.9% Hispanic, and 2.9% Caucasian. Military Magnet Academy is a Title I school with 86.55% poverty determined by the Community Eligibility Provision. The goal over the next 3 years is raise our performance levels for students in the Met or Exceeds Expectations for ELA and Mathematics to one equal to or higher than the CCSD average. We did increase our math performance from the previous year by 3.9%; however, it is still absolutely necessary we improve student performance in all areas. Math will be a target area to increase student performance for student success in high school.

High School (9 – 12)

The Military Magnet Academy has grades 6-12. The ACT, SAT, and WIN tests are the indicators of both college and career readiness. For college readiness, we are now analyzing the percent of 3rd-year high school students who score 1020 or higher on the SAT or 20 or greater on the ACT composite score. Our performance on the career readiness assessment shows 75% of the students that have completed the assessment have earned a Silver certificate or higher. The district had 64.9% of 3rd year students earning the Silver level. We are making great strides in preparing our students for the 21st century.

Teacher/ Administrator Quality

The Military Magnet's teaching staff brings a variety of cultural experiences and teaching expertise with approximately 12% of teachers having 1-2 years of experience, 38% has 3-10 years of experience, 37% has 11-20 years of experience, and 13% of our teachers over 20 years of experience. When comparing our school performance in the areas of teacher and administrator quality we can see the following: Our chronic absenteeism rate is reported at 11.3% compared to 8.2% in CCSD; this represents a shift from addressing overall student attendance and is a district-wide change. This is an area where strong improvement is needed. Teachers with advanced degrees at our school is 50.0%, and the district is at 58.9% Teachers on continuing contracts will increase to over 70% for the 2019-2020 academic year. Our student to teacher ratio is 20.9:1 and at the district 22.5:1. Our school is working to provide an increase in professional development opportunities.

School Climate

One of our school wide climate goals for the 2019-2020 academic year will be to ensure that teacher-student-parent relations are appropriate and significantly improve. There is great disparity in the number of parents who are satisfied with MMA, and professional development time will be dedicated to achieving this goal.



Military Magnet Academy School Improvement Council...

MMA SIC Council Members

Parents

Heyward, Jacqueline
Wilkins-Pugh, Kristin
Henderson, Tamica
Wright, Kenneth (Chairperson)
Sanders, Ashlie – Student

Teachers/Administration

Ancrum, Sara
Vella, Jarrett
Harrison, Patricia
Davis, Sheila
Scott, Breyonce - Student

Appointed Members

Dawson, Joseph
Pelletier, David
Pelletier, John
Pryor, Teddie
MMA Foundation

Ex-Officio Members

Perrineau, Jr., Robert – Interim Principal
Gibson, Keria – Assistant Principal
Taylor, Nathaniel – Administrator

Chairman's Message...

The 2018- 2019 academic year has been a successful and productive one thanks to all of our students, educators, business partners and community leaders. The School Improvement Council continues to deliver valuable programs to our schools that enable students and teachers to be at cutting edge of technology.

The School Improvement Council and community leaders applaud the dedication and commitment of SIC members, educators and students in carrying out our mission. It has been the efforts of the SIC that made this past year a success. The work done with other MMA stakeholders, has allowed the SIC to establish several community partnerships that provide professional development opportunities for teachers as well as career development and training for students and their parents.

On behalf of the entire School Improvement Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for their loyal support in help to build our staff and student's relationship with our community leaders. We are looking forward to an exciting 2019-2020 school year.

Reverend Kenneth Lighthouse Wright

Chairman, School Improvement Council

Military Magnet Academy



Military Magnet Academy Family

<p style="text-align: center;">Administration</p> <p>Robert L. Perrineau, Jr. Interim Principal Keria Gibson Assistant Principal Nathaniel Taylor Commandant of Cadets Sara Ancrum Literacy Coach Patricia Harrison Lead Teacher Ebony Shaw Administrative Assistant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">English/ Foreign Language</p> <p>Natasha Akery Berneta Gourdine Stephen Jones Katy Lowman G/T Brendan McCann David Smart Erenida Fabela Pineda Kirk Zaro Elinor Coaxum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics</p> <p>Gillette Bennett Stefan Borysowicz Sharon Chua Victoria Kettula David Pelkey Simona Spinner Karen Smalls Dawneen Zabinske-Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Bernard Blaney Lajuanda Brown Sarah Covington Sandra Key Lauretta Geddis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">History/ Social Studies</p> <p>Karen Holloran Linda Jenkins Jarrett Vella Mark Von Allmen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Related Arts/ Career Technology</p> <p>Shawn Graves Band Kay Krenelka MS/HS Art Sandra Shaw Business Carla Clark IT Technology Kim Ortego Culinary Arts Harold Ross PE/ Health Nicole Urbaniak PE/Health Winona Greene Media Specialist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Counseling and Guidance Department</p> <p>Sheila Davis Counseling and Guidance Director Carl Turner School Counseling Kimberly Laboard School Psychologist Megan Beauchamp Mental Health Counselor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support Staff</p> <p>Mary Brown Server Mr. Nelson BUDD Group Denise Hetherman Bookkeeper Donna Kershaw Server Clyde King Resource Officer Wanda Lenhardt Server Annette McKnight Asst. Café Manager Lulamae Pinckney Café Manager</p> <p>Alex Simmons ISS/FOCUS Facilitator Cynthia Venning Server Rosemary Yeadon Data Clerk Jeanne Miller School Nurse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Education/ ESOL</p> <p>Amber Pedigo Regina Burbage Josette Capers -TA Sally Carrier Regina Duggins – TA Leticia Reed– ESOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tactical Officers</p> <p>Simone Doxie US Army Brenda Garey US Navy Jeremy Gary US Army Curtis Jefferson US Army Jerry White USMC/ USAF Vanessa Johnson USAF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JROTC</p> <p>Margaret Mitchell Interim SAI -US Army Luis Hernandez US Army</p>
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