

SpringBoard at Southern

CollegeBoard/SpringBoard

Southern Middle School is a CollegeBoard/SpringBoard school for Math and Language Arts. This curriculum uses critical thinking, active engagement, and inquiry learning best practice strategies. The focus of the curriculum is depth over breadth, meaning students spend time *learning* the academic concepts as opposed to just *covering* them.

Since implementing the program, SMS has seen greater academic success. Recent No Child Left Behind data for Southern Middle shows that, overall, 70% or more of our tested students achieved Proficient and Distinguished levels in Math and Reading. More importantly, this data shows that Southern Middle made significant strides (as much as 23% increases) in closing the achievement gaps across the gender, ethnicity, socio-economic, and special needs populations at different grade levels in Language Arts and Math.

All of our Language Arts and Math teachers are trained and experienced in delivering the SpringBoard material, and we feel the SpringBoard program has played a large part in our academic success over the last several years.

We look forward to your students experiencing the same academic success through SpringBoard at Southern Middle School.

*I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember.
I do, and I understand. - Chinese Proverb*

Southern Middle Spotlight

1. We are a CollegeBoard/SpringBoard school preparing our students for not only AP and IB classes, but ensuring that all students receive a more engaging education.
2. We offer upper level math courses, including Geometry, and two foreign languages, French and Spanish.
3. We have award-winning band, orchestra, and chorus programs, as well as award winning academic and technology teams.
4. We offer various sports, clubs and teams.
5. We are the only middle school with a student-produced online newspaper.
6. We are the only Fayette County middle school to have a pull-out and collaborative Academic Enhancement program with a G/T endorsed teacher.

Southern's Guidelines for Success

Success

Takes

Orders, Organization

Respect, Responsibility

Motivation

Questions? Contact: (859) 381—3582
Ms. Jane Dreidame, Principal
jane.dreidame@fayette.kyschools.us
Ms. Kelli Miller, Associate Principal
kelli.miller@fayette.kyschools.us

WELCOME TO SOUTHERN MIDDLE

SOUTHERN



STORM

*“Building the foundation
for future life
experiences.”*

Know Your Middle School Child

Your middle school child:

Intellectual Development

- Displays a wide range of individual intellectual development and is intensely curious
- Prefers active over passive learning
- Favors interaction with peers during learning activities
- Exhibits strong willingness to learn things they consider to be useful
- Considers academic goals as a secondary level of priority; personal-social concerns dominate thoughts and activities

Psychological Development

- Is often erratic and inconsistent
- Feelings shift between superiority and inferiority
- Easily offended and sensitive to criticism of personal shortcomings
- Searching for adult identity and acceptance in the midst of intense peer relationships

The Southern Spirit

Clubs, Athletics, and Teams

Clubs and Teams include:

- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ TSA and STLP
- ◆ Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Band
- ◆ Movie-Making Club
- ◆ Creative Expressions Club and Craft Club
- ◆ Battle of the Books Team
- ◆ Math and Math Counts Team
- ◆ Academic Team

Athletic opportunities include:

- ◆ Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Track
- ◆ Cheerleading and Dance
- ◆ Intramurals

Showing our students we care:

Southern Middle students can receive honors and recognitions in several ways:

- ◆ Academic Reward Cards
- ◆ Students of the Month celebrations
- ◆ Rainbows of Recognition
- ◆ P.R.I.D.E. Compliment Cards
- ◆ Team Reward Sheets
- ◆ Displays of distinguished level work

The Southern Life

We teach the whole child....

At Southern Middle, we believe that our mission is to prepare students for life, which means going beyond the learning that happens in subject area classes.

We offer lessons on character, with a focus on bullying prevention. Also, we have an outdoor walking track and provide time each week for students to utilize the track. Finally, we deliver lessons on academic strategies that will help your student be more successful in class and on assessments.

At SMS, we educate the heart, mind, and body!

Our door is always open:

School Phone #: (859) 381-3582

For tours/classroom visits, contact:

Ginger Banks or Robin Potter, Counselors
ginger.banks@fayette.kyschools.us
robin.potter@fayette.kyschools.us

For curriculum questions, contact:

Frank Coffey, Instructional Coach
frank.coffey@fayette.kyschools.us