

BECK ACADEMY

Report to the Community May 2017



"STRENGTH
LIES IN
DIFFERENCES,
NOT IN
SIMILARITIES"

- STEPHEN
COVEY

BECK ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Beck Academy is to meet the academic needs of our culturally diverse student body in a safe environment that nurtures, accepts and encourages all students to be productive citizens of the global community, lifelong learners and future leaders.

ADMINISTRATION

Principal— Jennifer Meisten

Assistant Principals— Sheila Green, Jennifer Woody,
Wanda Brownlee

Administrative Assistants— Josh Eversole



SCHOOL PROFILE

Beck Academy is located in Greenville, SC and serves 910 students. We serve a diverse student population with students from over 25 elementary schools. With a strong international focus, we have students from over 30 countries. Each year, we hold a school wide, student directed International Festival to learn about the customs, culture, traditions, foods and favorite pastimes for each country. As part of our international focus, students have the opportunity to take a foreign language all three years and can study French or Spanish. Beginning in the 7th grade, students can take foreign language classes for high school credit and may complete the first two years of study while in middle school.

Beck moved to a new location on Woodruff Road in 2006 and continues to enjoy a state of the art facility. Our students take part in a rigorous academic curriculum, offering high school credit classes in both Math and English. Students can also select a variety of related art offerings including drama, chorus, band, strings, computer technology and Gateway to Technology. As a satellite location, Beck serves students with special needs from all over Greenville County enabling us to offer a unique, collaborative peer buddy programs that provides all students with an inclusive, nurturing, empowering educational environment.





Students in art classes constructed Totem Poles that are now a permanent installation.



Strings students earned a Superior rating at the regional competition.



Students learning survival skills during a field trip.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

As a school, we will continue to foster a student focused learning environment that allows all students to achieve their maximum potential.

Teachers participate in collaborative small group planning sessions and review individual student progress. Teachers utilize common assessment tools in all academic areas.

Teachers will continue to focus on teaching research, close reading, and writing strategies throughout all content areas. Beck Academy utilizes a school wide writing model, Schaffer, that is taught and reinforced in every grade level.

Professional development will continue to focus on effective and meaningful integration of technology in the classroom in preparation for our one to one technology devices.

Outstanding Programs and Features



- ♦ High School Credit Classes including Algebra I Honors, English I Honors, Geometry Honors, Spanish I, Spanish II, French I, Google Apps, Virtual Google Basics, Virtual Multimedia Basics, Financial Literacy, Computer Apps, Google Basics, Computer Science, Creative Writing
- ♦ National Junior Beta Club
- ♦ Student Government Association
- ♦ Smart Arts– Artist in Residence Program
- ♦ Magnet Program
- ♦ 7 Science Labs
- ♦ Art Studio with kiln room
- ♦ Excellent Athletic Fields
- ♦ District Champions for Girls Soccer and Girls Softball
- ♦ Intramural Sports
- ♦ Tennis Courts
- ♦ Award Winning Band and String Programs
- ♦ Award Winning Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- ♦ School Improvement Council (SIC)
- ♦ Gateway to Technology lab including 3d Printers
- ♦ Guidance Counselors located on the grade level hallways
- ♦ Formalized Mentors
- ♦ G.E. Math/Science Enrichment Program
- ♦ Google Club
- ♦ Extended Day Program
- ♦ Student Led Conferences
- ♦ Community Service Learning
- ♦ Youth in Government
- ♦ Pro-Team Mentoring



Achievements and Honors



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| Palmetto Gold Awards | Palmetto Silver Awards |
| PTSA Principal of the Year | State PTA Teacher of the Year |
| State PTA Support Staff of the Year | Gold Oak Leaf Association |
| PTSA Excellence in Communication | Red Carpet School |
| National PTA School of Excellence | Platinum PTA status |
| Top 10 Membership in state | District and State Reflections Awards |
| District Visual Arts Awards | Forensics Winners |
| Top Performing Middle School for District and State | |
| SC Junior Scholars/150 +Duke TIP Scholars | |
| All-State, Region, and County Orchestra and Band Winners | |
| Superior Scores at Orchestra Festivals and Competitions | |
| LiveWell Greenville Grant Recipient | |
| Multiple Donor's Choose Grants for Technology | |