

Vilonia Middle School



Named School To Watch 2012 / Redesignated 2015

Re-Designated 2015

Vilonia Middle School • Vilonia School District

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2014-2015 School Statistics

(Sources: 2014 ESEA Report / 2014-15 E-School Reports)

(Visit ade.gov to view this school's data for prior years.)

Math Benchmark Scores

Grade	5 th Grade			6 th Grade			7 th Grade		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Combined	84%	79%	68%	89%	89%	79%	88%	76%	77%
IEP	54%	57%	31%	60%	76%	35%	42%	37%	28%
Female	86%	82%	66%	92%	89%	82%	91%	81%	83%
Male	81%	75%	71%	86%	88%	76%	84%	73%	73%

Literacy Benchmark Scores

Grade	5 th Grade			6 th Grade			7 th Grade		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Combined	90%	90%	90%	81%	81%	81%	87%	87%	87%
IEP	73%	50%	57%	54%	41%	19%	45%	56%	36%
Female	97%	96%	96%	93%	89%	91%	90%	94%	93%

Male	91%	83%	85%	79%	75%	67%	86%	79%	82%
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School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Common Planning Time for teachers
- Use of Google Docs for collaboration
- Continued focus to increase technology tools available to all students (computers, Chrome books, I Pads, etc) through use of ADE rewards money
- MDC/LDC incorporation
- Cross-curricular projects in some classrooms/teams
- STEM focus on robotics
- Common format for lesson plans
- Staff professional development in differentiation of instruction
- Incorporation of ICU philosophy and scheduling to work toward no zeros for students
- Focused collaboration with the high school staff
- Implementation of inclusion classes
- Project based learning opportunities that incorporate service, such as the retirement facility in town
- Home Access Center helpful for both students and parents

Developmental Responsiveness

- Smooth transition from 5th-8th grades to 7th and 8th grade building
- Focused collaboration with the high school staff
- Professional development to learn more about middle school philosophy and developmental needs of young adolescents
- Presence of the service dog, Bella, for all students, but primarily with the alternative students
- Club opportunities including the recycling/green ninjas
 - Flexibility in the culture to respond to middle school needs
 - Anti-bullying campaign that is year-round
 - Student Ambassadors (welcome new students)
 - On site Methodist Clinicians for student counseling support
 - Awareness of the discipline issue with the male population and a plan to positively change that statistic
 - Students develop class mottos and attend pep rallies with spirit competition. Students wear wristbands to denote their teams
 - Use of Remind app very helpful for parents

Social Equity

- Service Learning projects such as “Red, White and You” for veterans’ museum in town
- Multiple clubs including the large Beta Club with 75 members, with most meeting before or during school day
- Projects to assist families in Vilonia after the tornado occurred
- Focused collaboration with the high school staff
- Counseling staff pays close attention to social as well as academic needs for students
- Anti-bullying campaign that is year-round
- Principal Student Advisory Council

Organizational Support

- Common Planning Time for teachers
- Use of Google Docs for collaboration
- Flexibility in the culture to respond to middle school needs
- Incorporation of ICU philosophy and scheduling to work toward no zeros for students
- Parent group interviewed very positive about the familial atmosphere of the school
- Home Access Center helpful for both students and parents
- Use of Remind app very helpful for parents
- Teaming and use of advisory for students
- Principal Student Advisory Team
- PLC focus in master schedule