

History

In 1988-89, Richland School District One initiated the Middle School Scholars (MSS) program. The model for MSS was inspired by the High School Scholars Program, started in 1983-84.

This program is designed to encourage and reward academic excellence among Gifted and Talented students in grade 6 - 8 who also actively participating in extracurricular activities.

Awards & Recognitions

At the end of the 8th grade, students will receive medallions designating them as Richland County School District One Middle School Scholars. They will also be honored at a recognition ceremony.

Students will receive school, district, and community level publicity for their achievements.



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ENGAGE • EDUCATE • EMPOWER

**MIDDLE
SCHOOL
SCHOLARS**

(MSS)



Eligibility

Any rising 6th, 7th, or 8th grade Gifted and Talented student who has excellence in academics and contributes to the school and community may apply.

Application Procedures

Students may apply for the program through their school's counselor office. Students who transfer into the district may participate in the program by providing official verification that they have taken courses comparable to Honors and Gifted and Talented.

Requirements

Two or more Gifted and Talented courses must be taken each academic year. These courses are the pathways for Algebra I, English I, and Geometry.

All Students must have and maintain a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) in Honors and Gifted and Talented courses throughout their Middle School experience. (GPA) is computed on a four-point scale with "A" counting four points. No grade below "C" will be accepted.

Extracurricular activities are those that are not required by the school but have an educational basis. All activities are based upon active participation and regular attendance.



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Extracurricular Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of four points for extracurricular activities. These points may be earned through school activities, or community service. If students would like to participate in activities that are not included in the point system, they may present them to their School Counselor to determine whether these activities can count toward the extracurricular requirements.

In School Points

One Point:

- Academic Competition
- Any team sport
- Band, choir, dance, drama, orchestra, theater
- Editorial staff of magazine, newspaper or yearbook
- Officer /club member of an in-school club, student council/government

Out of School Points

One Point

- Points are awarded based upon active participation and regular attendance in a club. Points are verified by the club sponsor.
- Attendance at fine arts performances, exhibits, and plays. Following the performance parents/guardians can verify attendance.

Community Service Points

One point:

- This work is to be done during the school year. A maximum of one point per year may be earned from such service.
- Verification must be provided. Examples include but are not limited to marathons, walk or read-a-thons.

