School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

**Academic Excellence**
- Success is the Only Option (SITOO) Lunch Tutoring
- After School Tutoring provided in core content areas
- No Hands Checking for Understanding Practice to call on non-volunteers
- Talk Moves classroom discussion process used school-wide
- Test correction opportunities provided for summative assessments
- School-Wide annotation processes for text and mathematics

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2017-2018 SCHOOL STATISTICS
Designated in 2011
Re-designated in 2014, 2017

- Community Size - Suburban
- School Enrollment - 653
- Grade Levels - 6, 7, 8
- School Calendar - Traditional
- Free and Reduced Lunch - 45.6%
- English Learners - 6%
- Students With Disabilities - 10%

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C.E. Williams Middle School for Creative and Scientific Arts
Charleston County School District
640 Butte Street Charleston, SC 29414
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Principal - Kevin Smith
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• Engaging Creative Minds (ECM) Partnership-Artists-in-Residence teaching core content with teachers
• Common planning time for teachers to meet in interdisciplinary teams and in teacher curriculum teams
• 1:1 Chromebooks provided to accelerate instruction
• Use of adaptive software in the areas of math and reading to meet individual learner needs

Developmental Responsiveness
• School is structured after the middle school concept of inter-disciplinary teams.
• Positive Behaviors, Interventions and Supports (PBIS) implemented school-wide.
• A variety of clubs and activities including National Junior Beta Club, Red Carpet Readers Book Club, Art Club, Yearbook Club, Sea Perch Submersible Robotics Team, Drone Club, and a variety of competitive opportunities such as the Mock Trial Team and the You be the Chemist and Quest teams.
• The Student Council has representatives from all homerooms in the school.
• All learners can participate in the Annual Homeroom Basketball intramural tournament.
• Athletic teams include 6th grade football, 7th and 8th grade football, basketball (teams for each grade level and gender), volleyball, soccer, baseball, softball and golf.
• Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) team meets to discuss ways to support learners and their school-wide, small group and individual needs.
• Town Hall Meetings with learners to share information and answer questions.
• Career interest surveys and lessons conducted by school counselors and career specialist.
• Individual Graduation Plans are created for all 8th graders.

Social Equity
• Students of the Week are selected based on those who demonstrate a selected Character Trait.
• The Annual Fine Arts Night is a community event that is a celebration and demonstration of learners’ artistic talent.
• Partnership with the Be a Mentor organization that provides mentors for learners
• Advisory days twice per month where learners meet in small groups for socio-emotional learning with teachers from a different grade level (6th graders meet with 7th grade teachers, 7th graders meet with 8th grade teachers and 8th graders meet with 6th grade teachers).
• The “Connections with Kids” initiative is a way for teachers can make connections with learners with whom they have established a relationship but may not or no longer teach them.
• Rising 6th Grade Orientation provided learners and families who will be new to the school information about structures, supports and opportunities at the school.
• The PTSA actively supports teachers and school initiatives with funding and volunteers.
• Weekly callouts and emails from the principal.
• Use of social media to communicate information and highlights from the school.
Organizational Support

• The school is organized using the middle school concept.
• Each team has a designated administrator and school counselor for support.
• Teams are organized to oversee MTSS, PBIS, Data and Literacy.
• The Reading Coach provided professional development opportunities for all teachers.
• Common planning provides an opportunity for professional learning collaboration.
• PTSA and Parental involvement has provided volunteers, funding for school trips and materials and chaperones for various trips and events.