



HEPHZIBAH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Our Principal:

Mr. Chris Neal

OUR MISSION:

“The mission of Hephzibah Middle School is to provide a quality education to all students through positive learning experiences facilitated through working together.”

OUR STORY:

Hephzibah Middle School (HMS) is located in the community of Hephzibah in southern Richmond County, GA. Originally named Brothersville in honor of three brothers who settled in the area, Brothersville became home to a Baptist seminary which was established in 1860, followed by the Baptist Church in 1862. In 1870 the community was renamed Hephzibah, and has remained a small rural-suburban community, growing to a population of 3,972 in 2013. HMS serves approximately 530 students in grades 6 through 8. The building located on Mims Road opened its doors in the early 80s as part of the new “middle school model of instruction” for grades 6, 7 and 8, previously referred to as “junior high” grades. Core instruction is offered in each grade level through a team approach, with students also having access to instruction in non-core areas such a Physical Education, Music, and Computer Science, among other subjects.

Our Students:

615 Enrolled

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/FINE ARTS:

- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Drama
- Visual Arts
- Band
- Computer Technology

POINTS OF PRIDE:

- We are an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) school to add rigor and relevance to our curriculum.
- In 2018-2019, HMS increased in CCRPI score and school climate rating.
- We have an active and successful athletic program which includes Football, Cheer, Basketball, Baseball, and Track.
- Students participate in ArtsNow program funded by the Chestnut Foundation.

OUR CCRPI STATS:

College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) is Georgia’s statewide accountability system. The CCRPI assesses how well students are prepared for college and careers and ensures that schools are focused on improving achievement among all students. The index measures progress on indicators such as content mastery, student attendance, and preparation for the next school level. Schools earn CCRPI points based on indicators that vary by grade and school level and align with measures of college- and career-readiness. Schools may earn up to a set number of points in five main categories, for a total of 100 possible points. In 2019-2020, statewide accountability was suspended due to COVID-19 closures.

Hephzibah Middle School CCRPI Scores, 2017-2018 vs 2018-2019

