



Laing Middle School

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Laing Orchestra earns SCMEA's Outstanding Performance Award

Mount Pleasant – On May 13, 2025, Laing Orchestra Directors Margaret Selby and Dominik Fields were honored by the South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA) with an Outstanding Performance Award at the Gold Level for the 2024-2025 school year.

This award is given to programs that demonstrate a high level of proficiency in all areas of scholastic musicianship. Points are earned and accumulated through a program's success in Region & All-State Orchestra, Concert Performance Assessment, and Solo & Ensemble. Laing was one of only 13 middle school orchestra programs in the state of South Carolina to receive the award this year at the Junior Gold level.

"I am so proud of the hard work that our students did to earn this special award," Selby said upon learning of the award. "Earning the Outstanding Performance Award shows that our Laing Orchestra program is one of the best in South Carolina, and I know our community is just as proud of the students as I am."

For more information, contact Principal Jay Whitehair at (843) 849-2819.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.

