



# SCMSA Journal

## Writing for the *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal*

The *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal* is a peer-reviewed journal that highlights research-based practices that improve middle schools and the learning that occurs within and outside of the classroom. Readers of this journal are generally teachers, administrators, and other educators who are interested in the issues that young adolescents and educators of those individuals face.

The *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal* is published once a year in an online format. The acceptance rate for the 2009 issue was 54%.

### Submissions

The *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal* welcomes high-quality manuscripts of varying lengths that address the issues and needs of young adolescents. Your manuscript must be original and not currently submitted for publication anywhere else.

### Preparing Your Manuscript

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