SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Diamond Hill Elementary
Abbeville
Grades: PK-7 **Enrollment: 315**
Principal: Todd Ramey
Superintendent: Dr. Ivan Randolph
Board Chair: James B. Tisdale, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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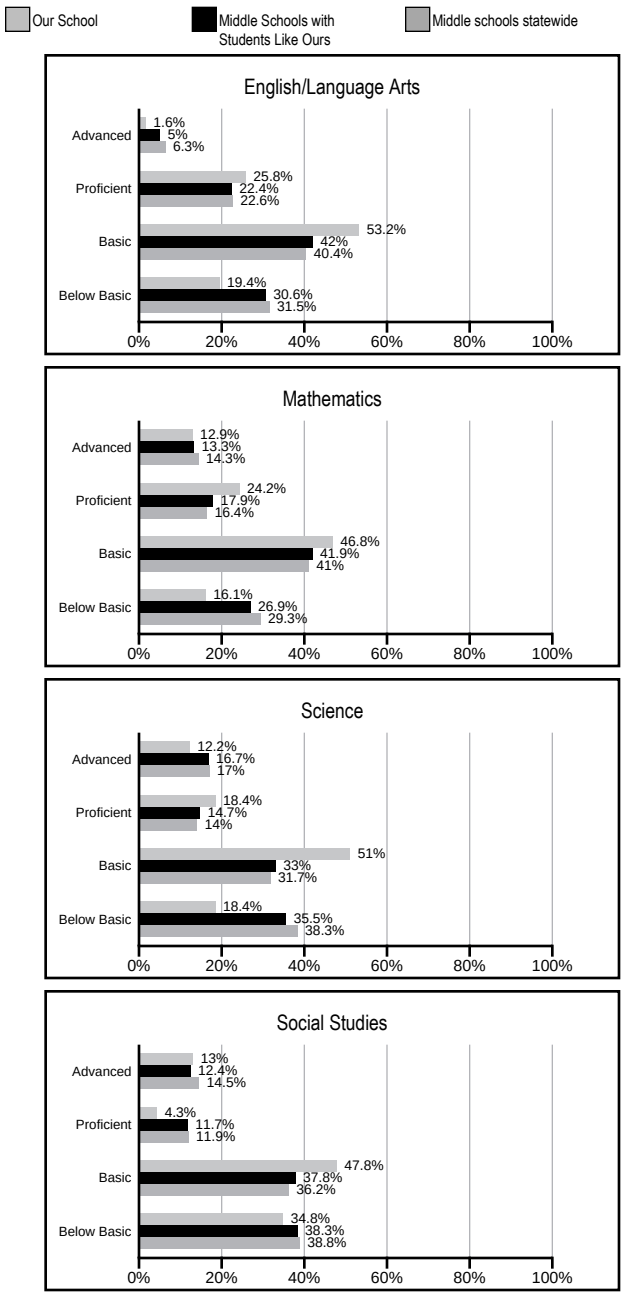
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	At-Risk	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	16	30	5

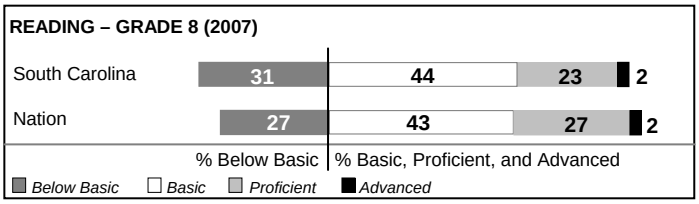
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

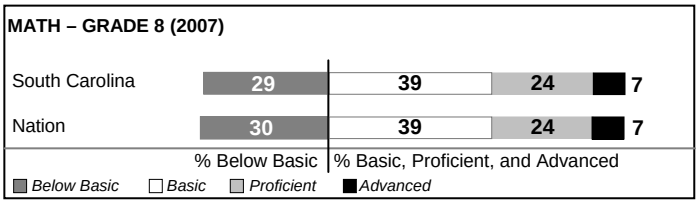
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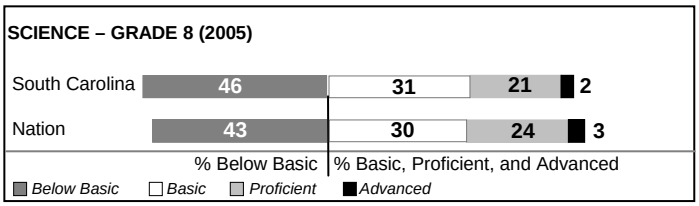


NAEP PERFORMANCE*

** Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.*







END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	0%	97.0%
English 1	0%	96.8%
Physical Science	0%	50.0%
All Subjects	0%	96.4%

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=315)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	0.0%	No Change	18.8%	19.4%
Retention rate	3.3%	Up from 2.8%	1.7%	1.8%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.1%	95.8%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.2%	Down from 14.4%	15.6%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	7.4%	Up from 6.7%	14.3%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.6%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=22)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.5%	Up from 47.6%	52.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	90.9%	Up from 90.5%	73.3%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.8%	Up from 0.0%	5.7%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1%	Up from 86.3%	83.4%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 94.3%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$43,301	Up 4.2%	$44,207	$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.3%	Up from 0.0%	2.9%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.1 to 1	Down from 19.8 to 1	19.3 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Up from 88.4%	88.9%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	$6,434	Up 0.6%	$7,056	$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	64.8%	Up from 64.7%	64.6%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	62.3%	Up from 59.5%	60.1%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		68.0%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	27	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	77.8%	88.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.4%	100.0%	76.5%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Diamond Hill is a rural school in Abbeville County. The majority of our students are from families that have been in the community for generations. However, we have seen growth in the recent years with new developments on Lake Secession, which is located near the school. Our students range from grade 4K-7 with an enrollment normally around 325 . Our 7th graders will move on to attend Dixie High School, located in Due West, S.C.

Diamond Hill is fortunate to have a very high teacher retention rate, which leads to a consistent, family type atmosphere. This is obvious as you enter Diamond Hill, as we were one of a select group to earn South Carolina's "Red Carpet Award" presented for creating a family-friendly environment and outstanding customer service.

Being a rural school, we have tried to take advantage of our resources. Diamond Hill has created an outdoor learning environment in one location and has another planned. For the '08-'09 school year, we will have a greenhouse in use in our outdoor classroom area.

The '07-'08 school year saw many individual achievements with several students recognized by the "Duke TIP" talent recognition program, a perfect score by one of our students on PACT ELA, a very active group of students in our BETA club, a very motivated four girls who were selected by their peers to run our student government, and many more.

Diamond Hill is a group of 325 individual students along with 50 faculty and staff full of pride in their school. The facility, the people, and the pride make Diamond Hill a "Great Place To Shine !"

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