SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blue Ridge Middle
Greenville
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 887**
Principal: Becky Greene
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

PERFORMANCE

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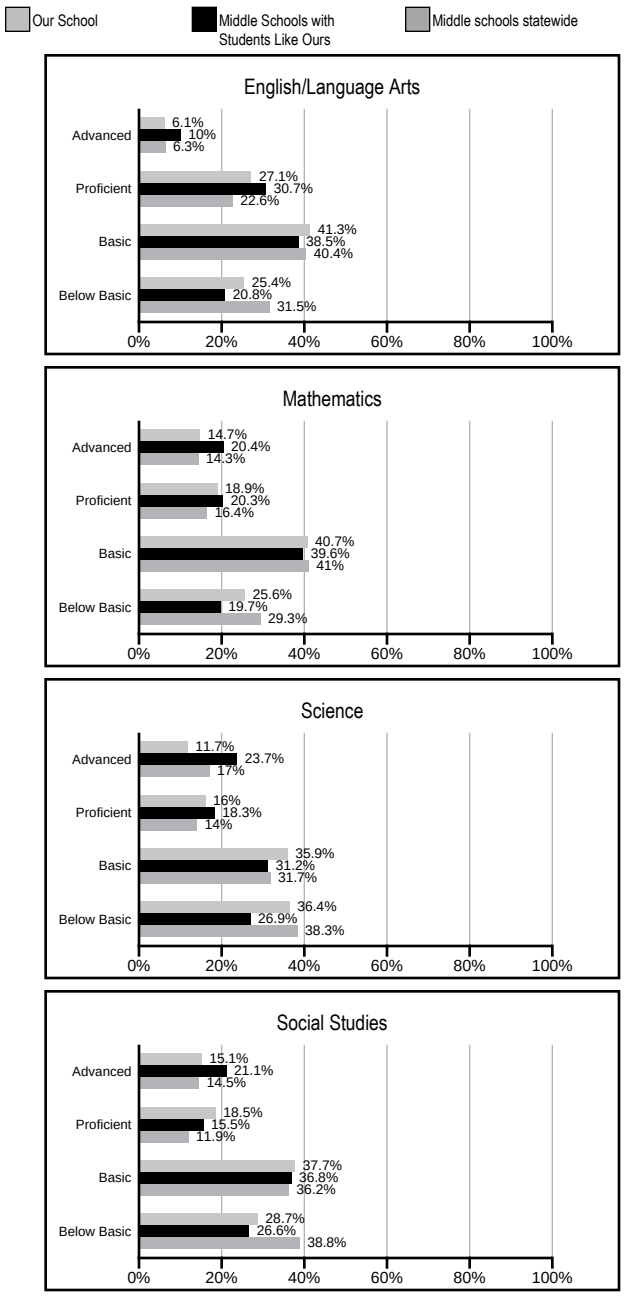
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	6	29	3	2

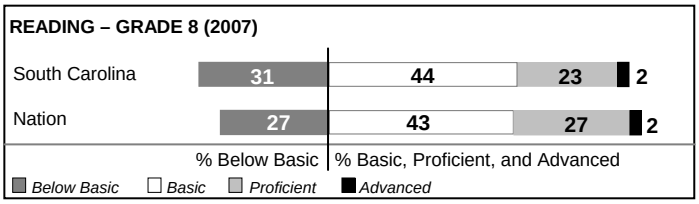
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

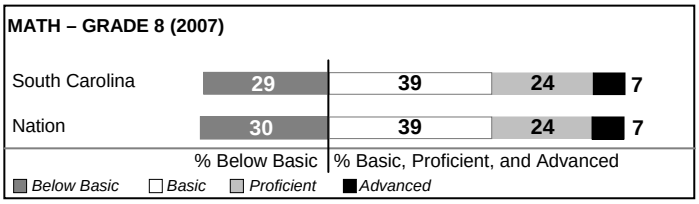
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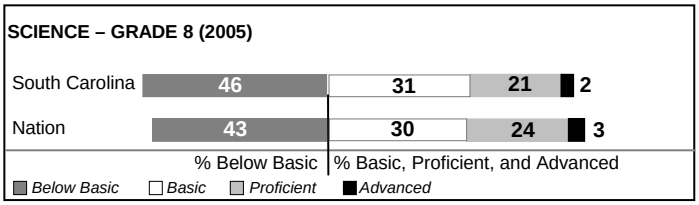


NAEP PERFORMANCE*

** 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	98.5%	96.9%
English 1	97.2%	92.9%
Physical Science	0%	40.5%
All Subjects	97.8%	96.6%

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=887)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	23.6%	Up from 18.5%	27.5%	19.4%
Retention rate	0.4%	Down from 0.8%	1.7%	1.8%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 95.8%	96.3%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.1%	Down from 24.1%	25.3%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	13.5%	Down from 13.9%	11.1%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 1.4%	0.9%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.2%	Down from 65.4%	59.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	75.4%	Down from 86.5%	74.6%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.0%	No Change	3.7%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.0%	Up from 85.0%	84.4%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$46,811	Down 0.5%	$46,111	$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.6%	Up from 1.4%	0.4%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.6 to 1	Up from 23.1 to 1	21.6 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 89.0%	90.2%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	$6,020	Up 8.6%	$6,444	$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	66.2%	Down from 66.5%	66.5%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	60.9%	Down from 61.9%	62.9%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%		76.2%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	288	152
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.1%	84.4%	85.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.6%	83.7%	84.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.5%	88.3%	77.9%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blue Ridge Middle, located at the northwest corner of Greenville County, serves 880 students, their families, and the community. The curriculum is designed to provide rigor on an individual basis, meeting the needs of each child, and, thus, producing a well-rounded learner at the middle level.

Blue Ridge offers advanced classes in Math, Language Arts, and Foreign Language, as well as an overall challenging curriculum. Students are given the opportunity to explore 11 related arts offerings. There are 3 computer labs, as well as mobile laptop carts available. Remediation is offered in the summer to students scoring below basic on the state PACT testing. During the 2007-2008 school year, MAP testing continued, and students and teachers worked together to use this information to personalize instruction and examine progress throughout the year. Students may participate in a variety of competitive sports or extracurricular offerings.

Understanding that communication between teacher and parent is necessary for the success of our students, teachers post syllabi and plans on their web sites. Parents may contact them by email, phone, or personal contact in conferences.

All Blue Ridge Middle School faculty members have become highly qualified according to current guidelines. The Principal, Assistant Principals, and Instructional Coach all have advanced degrees. The Administrative team meets regularly to discuss instructional initiatives/concerns, teacher progress/concerns, and general building operations.

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