SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Liberty Middle
Pickens
Grades: 5-8 **Enrollment: 665**
Principal: Donivan Edwards
Superintendent: Lee D'Andrea, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Dr. B. J. Skelton

PERFORMANCE

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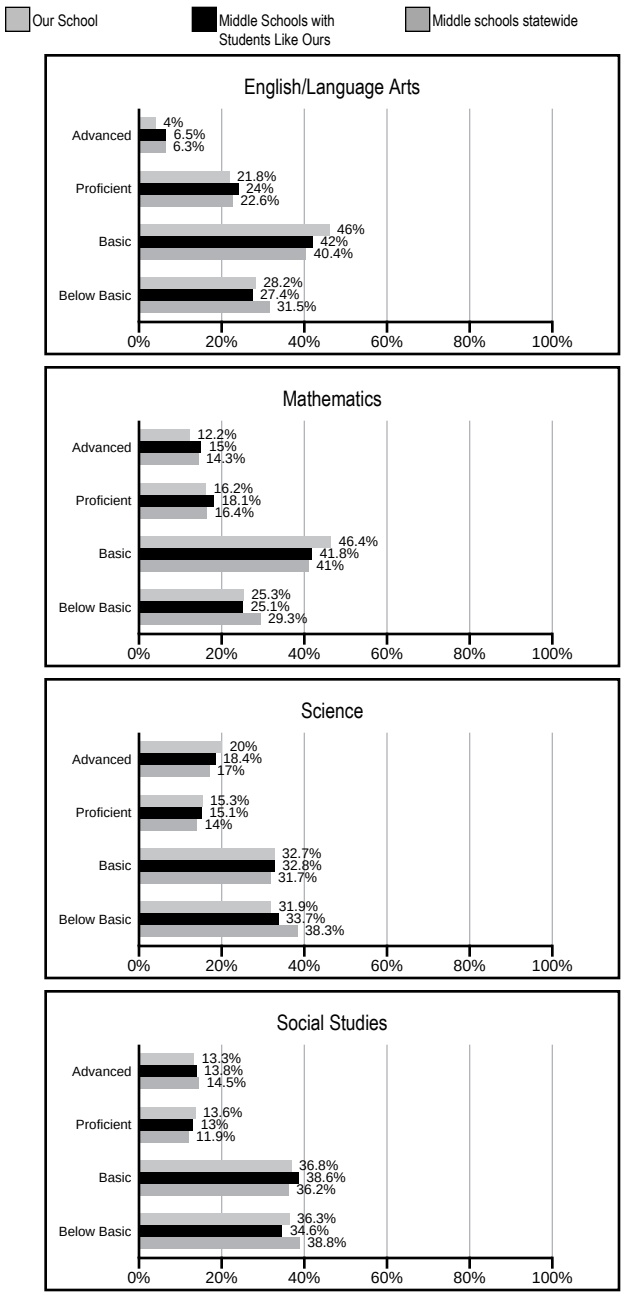
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	16	19	2

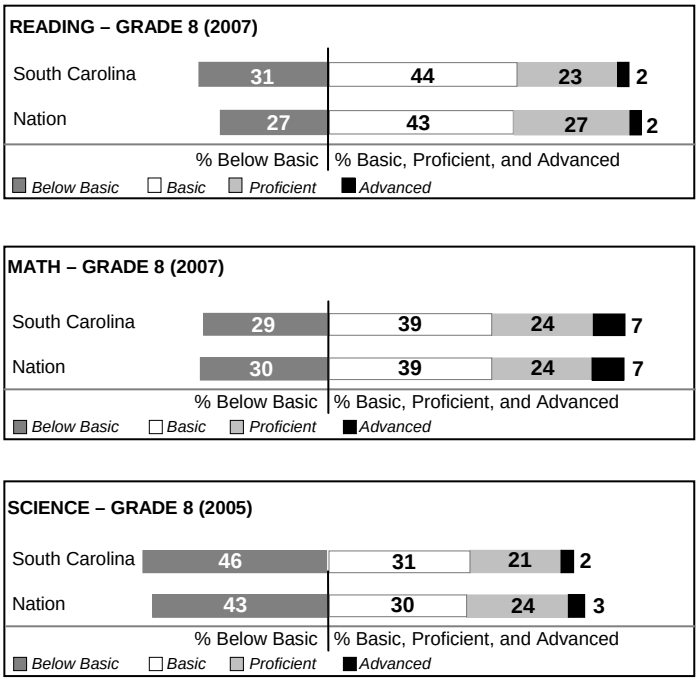
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PACT PERFORMANCE



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	97.2%	97.9%
English 1	100.0%	96.8%
Physical Science	0%	49.8%
All Subjects	98.0%	97.1%

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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Liberty Middle [Pickens]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=665)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	N/R	N/R	26.4%	19.4%
Retention rate	1.5%	Down from 4.2%	1.6%	1.8%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.4%	96.0%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.3%	Down from 19.2%	17.9%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	12.6%	Up from 10.9%	14.2%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.7%	Up from 42.6%	55.2%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	76.1%	Up from 72.3%	74.1%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.9%	Up from 0.0%	4.8%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.4%	Down from 84.5%	85.0%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.2%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$42,439	Up 1.8%	$44,688	$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Up from 1.8%	2.3%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Down from 22.2 to 1	20.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Up from 88.1%	89.4%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	$6,795	Up 16.2%	$6,886	$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.0%	Up from 59.0%	62.2%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	55.5%	Down from 56.1%	59.0%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%		71.4%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	137	76
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.9%	60.7%	77.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	76.9%	60.3%	71.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.2%	83.9%	70.3%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year was an exciting one for Liberty Middle School! We continued to excel in the concert hall, classroom, and athletic field. Highlights for this year include:

-Concert band received an "Excellent" rating at the SCBDA concert festival.
-Chorus Students had outstanding programs including a well attended dinner theater production.
-Art Students displayed their works in shows throughout the region.
-The Liberty Middle School Arts Festival drew a large crowd to downtown Liberty.
-PTO activities included an outstanding talent show.
-Exciting new technology in our classrooms made for a year of exciting teaching and learning.
-Honors English 1 students had a 100% passing rate on the SC end of course exam and Honors Algebra 1 students had a 98% passing rate on the end of course exam.
-All of our athletic teams experienced improved seasons.

Thank you for your support of our school! There are many opportunities for service at Liberty Middle School. The most important service is your personal involvement in your child's education. Your child and our school need your help and support!

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