



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Paul Knox Middle
Aiken

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 602

Principal: John Murphy

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	NI
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

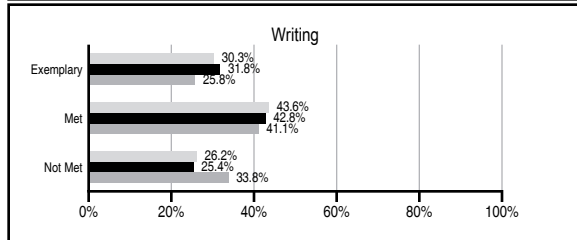
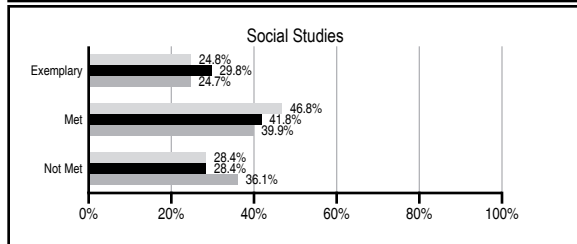
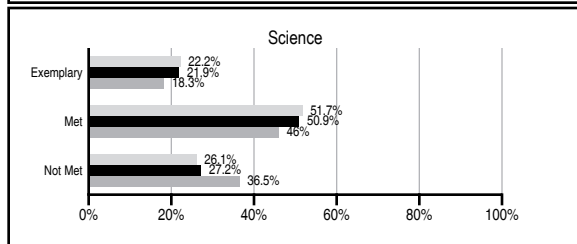
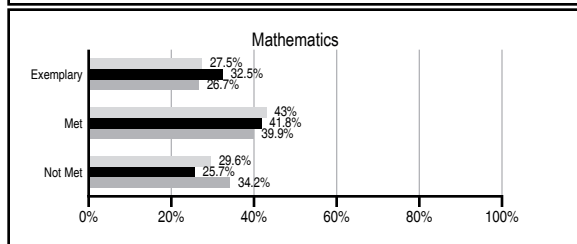
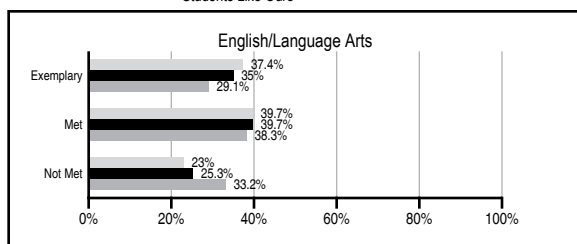
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	11	34	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	96.3	97.3
English 1	97.3	97.5
Physical Science	N/A	91.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	96.8	97.3

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 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=602)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	20.7%	Up from 19.2%	23.1%	21.6%
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 3.1%	1.1%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 95.9%	95.9%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.4%	Down from 24.9%	17.6%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	10.9%	Down from 11.9%	11.6%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.5%	Down from 4.8%	2.1%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.8%	0.8%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.3%	Up from 48.6%	57.1%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 74.3%	76.3%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.0%	Down from 6.3%	4.5%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.6%	Up from 89.2%	85.5%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 93.6%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,051	Up 6.4%	\$47,028	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.7%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	8.0 days	Up from 7.9 days	10.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	Down from 25.2 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 88.3%	89.6%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Up from 97.4%	98.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,895	Up 21.8%	\$6,878	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.4%	Down from 66.5%	64.1%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.9%	Down from 63.7%	57.9%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 66.7%	91.3%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	174	130
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.3%	80.8%	72.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.7%	77.5%	62.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.6%	80.2%	63.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Paul Knox Middle School students experienced a rewarding and exciting school year. Our faculty, staff and students experienced a great deal of success in academics, the arts, athletics and various service learning activities.

Thirty-two students were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars and qualified to participate in the Duke TIP program. Twenty female students participated in the G.I.S.E. Program (Girls Interested in Science and Engineering). Our Future Business Leaders Association participated in the state level competitions in Charleston. Seven of our band students were selected for the Regional Band. Our band won a superior rating in the concert band competition. Our sixth grade students participated in ECOTALK which is sponsored by the Savannah River Ecology Lab's Outreach Program. The North Augusta Arts Council awarded three of our students cash prizes for their entries in the poster contest. One of these students competed in the regional contest.

Mrs. Gaye Pappas voted our Teacher of the Year, and she was named the Teacher of the Year for the Aiken County School District. She also received a \$500 grant from Public Education Partners which was used to fund a trip to Charleston for her students with learning disabilities. Mrs. Helen Richard was nominated by the Office of Career and Technology Education for the Barbara H. James Award for Outstanding Contributions to Career and Technology Education as the Career Specialist of the Year. She also received grants totaling \$4,000 from SHAW AREVA MOX Services @ SRS and Walmart to fund our Lunch and Learn Program. Mrs. Tiffinni Vining received a \$2160 grant from DHEC and the office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling. Mrs. Lisa Newman received an Excellence-in-Teaching grant in the amount of \$500 from the Washington Savannah River Company, a \$2,500 grant from the Food Lion Charitable Foundation, and she has been selected to attend the 2009 Science P.L.U.S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center. Mrs. Rhonda Kropp received a \$200 grant from the Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

The School Improvement Council (SIC) held its seventh annual Transition Fair. The fair provide rising sixth graders and their parents an opportunity to meet teachers, administrators, get helpful information and tour the school. Students and parents also were given the opportunity to participate in the Family Connections Awareness Program.

Paul Knox Middle School is fortunate to have a highly qualified faculty, staff and supportive community. Together, with our SIC, PTA, and parental involvement, Paul Knox Middle School can achieve its goals.

Brenda J. Smith – Principal
Alexa Abdullah – SIC Chairperson

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