

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Darlington Middle

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Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 1,049

Principal: Carlita Davis

Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight

Board Chair: Connell Delaine

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	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

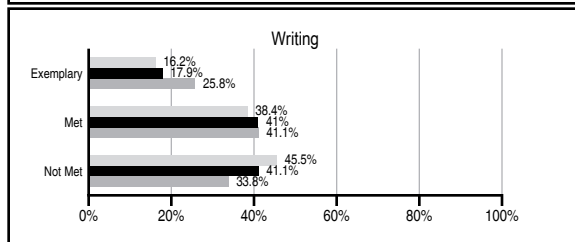
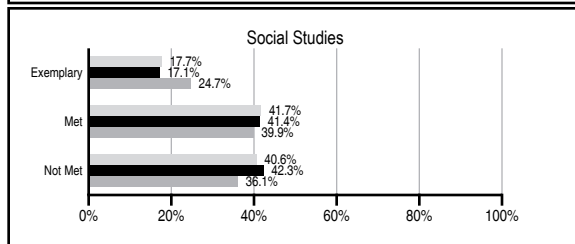
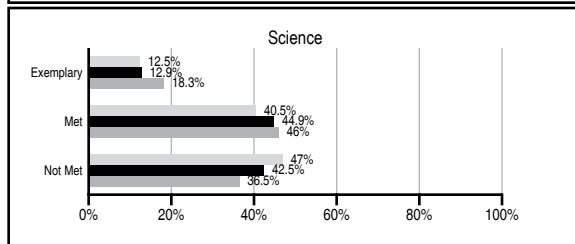
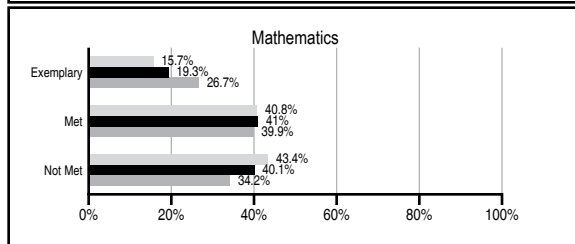
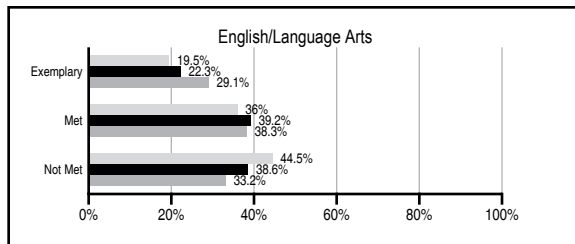
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	26	15	3

* 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
Nation	27	43	27
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)			
South Carolina	29	39	24
Nation	30	39	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)			
South Carolina	46	31	21
Nation	43	30	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

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	92.1	91.4
English 1	90.5	89.7
Physical Science	91.6	94.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	91.4	91.1

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 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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=1,049)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	11.1%	Up from 8.8%	20.5%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 3.3%	1.8%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.8%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.2%	Up from 7.9%	10.6%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	17.8%	Down from 18.1%	15.3%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.0%	Down from 5.3%	3.8%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	Up from 0.9%	1.1%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.8%	Up from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=72)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	30.6%	Down from 40.6%	56.9%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	47.2%	Down from 52.2%	67.6%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	18.0%	Down from 18.9%	9.1%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	75.4%	Up from 73.0%	78.9%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.9%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,598	Down 3.2%	\$45,974	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.6%	Down from 10.2%	4.1%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	16.0 days	No Change	11.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.6 to 1	Down from 22.8 to 1	18.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 90.3%	89.8%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	90.3%	Up from 70.7%	97.8%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,222	Up 8.4%	\$8,113	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Down from 70.9%	62.4%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.8%	Up from 59.1%	55.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 57.1%	90.5%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	291	108
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.9%	60.8%	74.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.2%	67.4%	70.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	64.3%	76.6%	67.9%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The administrators, teachers, and staff of Darlington Middle School want to thank you for an outstanding school year! We also want to thank our parents and community for your continued encouragement.

Our goal, for this school year and the coming year is “To nurture and motivate students by creating real-world and hands-on experiences that enhance and expand their lives.” We want our students to excel above and beyond what is expected. We ask for continued support to join us as we work with your child so that he/she can “make the connection” between the importance of education and success. Each child must see the real need to work hard in and out of class, while preparing for their career interests.

Middle School is the period when your child develops life-long habits. We need continued assistance in working with us as we prepare your child to compete in this ever-changing world. We want our community to be proud of the children who attend Darlington Middle School. We also want to share that pride with you. Together, we will make a difference in the lives of our young people.

Many accomplishments were made this year that we are extremely proud of. They are as follows: the single-gender initiative; High School Course Offerings; LEGO League, who were regional winners and competed in the state competition; nine state recognized Junior Scholars; 18 Duke Tip Qualifiers; the District Winner for the State Superintendent’s Writing Award; our continuously growing band and art programs; the team concept that has been developed throughout the building; raising over \$4,800 for Relay for Life; raising over \$2,000 for hospital patients visited during the Christmas Holidays; 91% passing rate on the English End-of-Course Exam; 92% passing rate on the Algebra I End-of-Course Exam; and 93% passing rate on the Physical Science End-of-Course Exam.

Increased parent support is always welcomed at Darlington Middle School. With this in mind, we have established a parenting center with a coordinator. We extend a personal invitation to all parents, businesses, and community partners to join us in the continued and endless efforts to improve the overall performance and to properly prepare our youth for the future through the educational process.

Carlita S. Davis, Principal