SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northside Middle
Greenwood 50
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 785**
Principal: Beth Pinson
Superintendent: Darrell Johnson
Board Chair: Debrah Miller

PERFORMANCE

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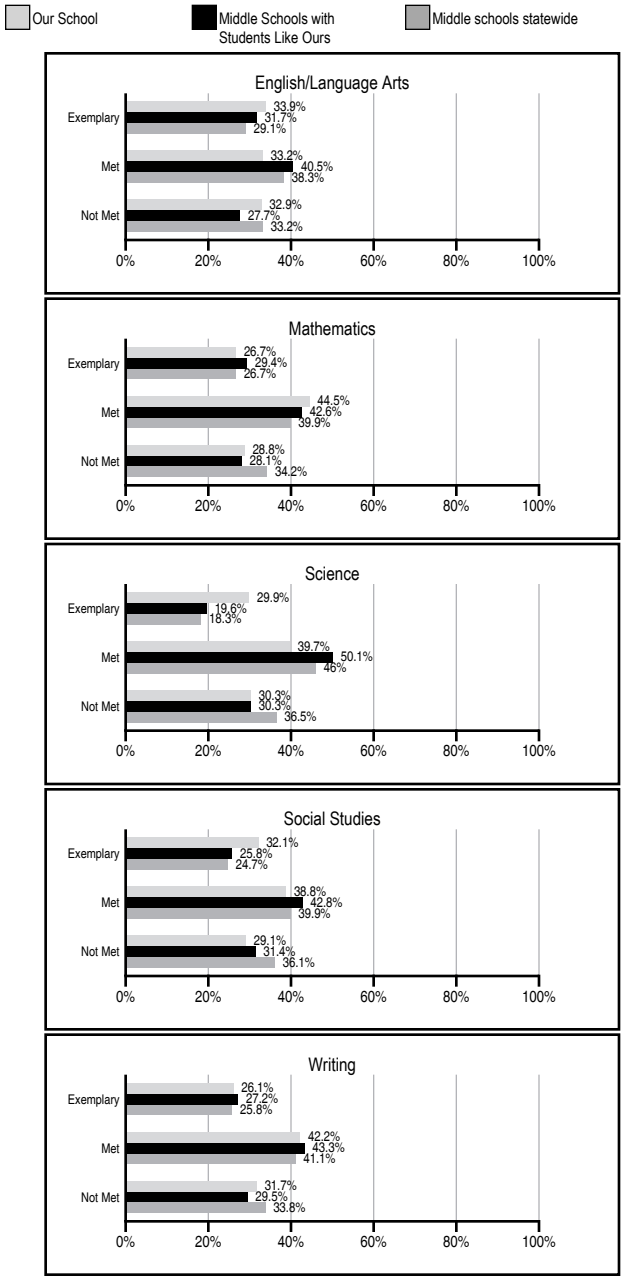
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	6	43	2	0

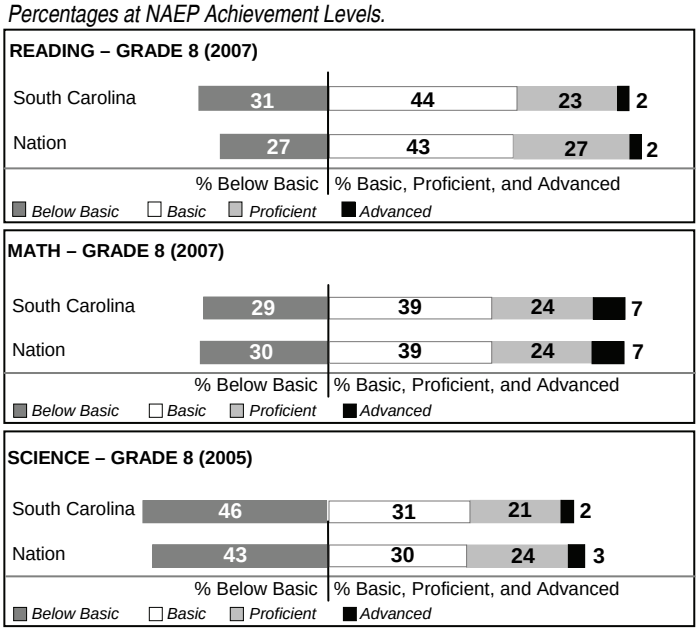
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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



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	100.0	96.7
English 1	96.8	94.3
Physical Science	N/A	77.4
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.1	96.2

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=785)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	47.1%	Up from 46.6%	21.6%	21.6%
Retention rate	3.5%	Up from 2.2%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.4%	96.0%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.1%	Down from 21.7%	17.6%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	14.4%	Down from 14.8%	14.0%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	No Change	2.1%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 2.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=52)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.4%	Up from 53.7%	58.1%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	Up from 70.4%	77.8%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.0%	Down from 8.2%	3.5%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.4%	Up from 86.4%	85.5%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.2%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$47,386	Up 4.9%	$47,350	$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.5%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Down from 11.1 days	12.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Down from 23.0 to 1	21.1 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 88.5%	90.5%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.3%	Down from 98.2%	97.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,341	Up 11.6%	$7,364	$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.2%	Up from 62.3%	63.1%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.4%	Up from 60.4%	58.4%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%	Up from 69.0%	92.6%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	211	74
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.5%	84.3%	91.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.6%	80.3%	79.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.5%	88.1%	87.8%

*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

For the second consecutive year, our school has received the Palmetto Silver Award. The award is given for improved test scores. Indeed, our faculty, staff, parents, and students are very proud to have received this honor for the second straight year.

Attached to the honor is a monetary award. For the first Palmetto Silver Award, the school received over $11,000. A large portion of the award money was spent on incentive awards for our students. Students who had good behavior, excellent grades, good MAP scores, and exemplary citizenship during the 2008-2009 school year were treated to parties, movies, gift cards, and cookouts.

While having the additional money has been a blessing, financial challenges continue to be a concern for our school. Even so, the quality of instruction at our school continues to be good. The 2008-2009 school year was the second time in several years that our students were able to earn Carnegie Units for Algebra I and English I. On the end-of-course test in Algebra I, 100% of the students who took the test made an "A." On the end-of-the-course test in English I, 97% passed the test.

Although academic achievement is our focus, we continue to be proud of our students' accomplishments in other areas. Both of our soccer teams had perfect seasons. TMD and PMD students held an art exhibit at the Greenwood Arts Center in March 2009. Northside students volunteered to assist with the Miracle League Baseball Program.

Encouraging good citizenship is a daily priority for the faculty and staff. Coupling that with providing an outstanding academic program keeps everyone at the school busy. As we begin 2009-2010 with our theme, Scholarly Knights: A Northside Tradition, we are confident that each will continue to thrive.

Beth Pinson and Ronda Rogers

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