SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Richard H Gettys Middle
Pickens
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 1,326**
Principal: Michael S. Cory
Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt
Board Chair: Jim Shelton

PERFORMANCE

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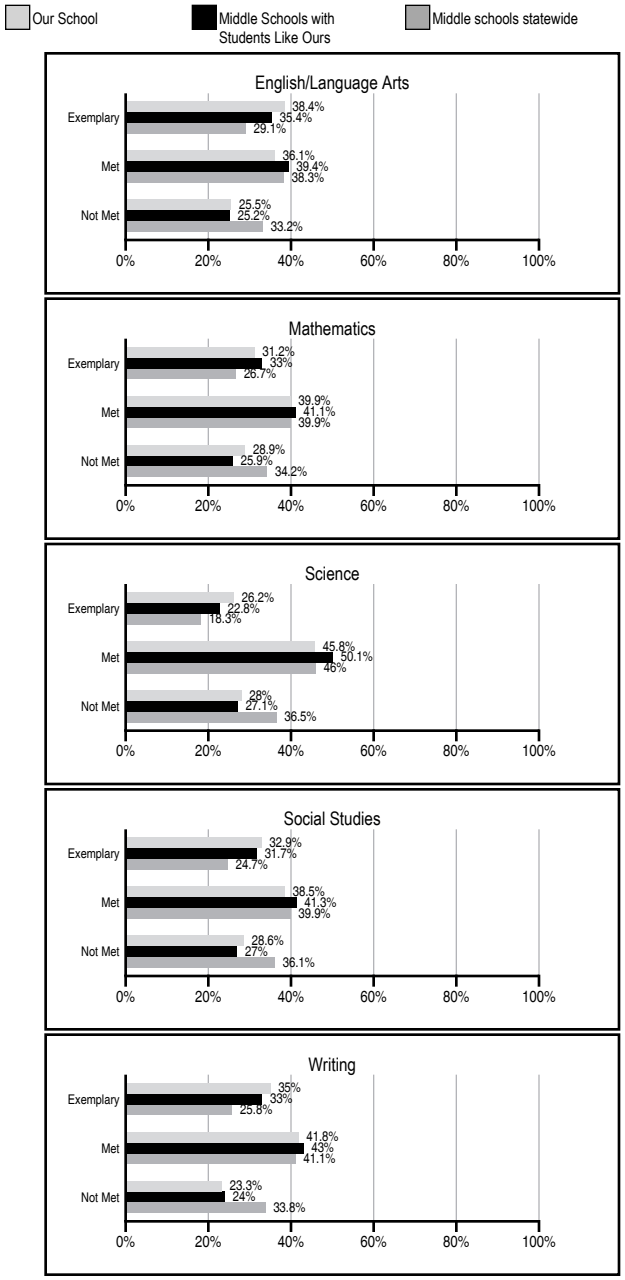
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	12	28	0	0

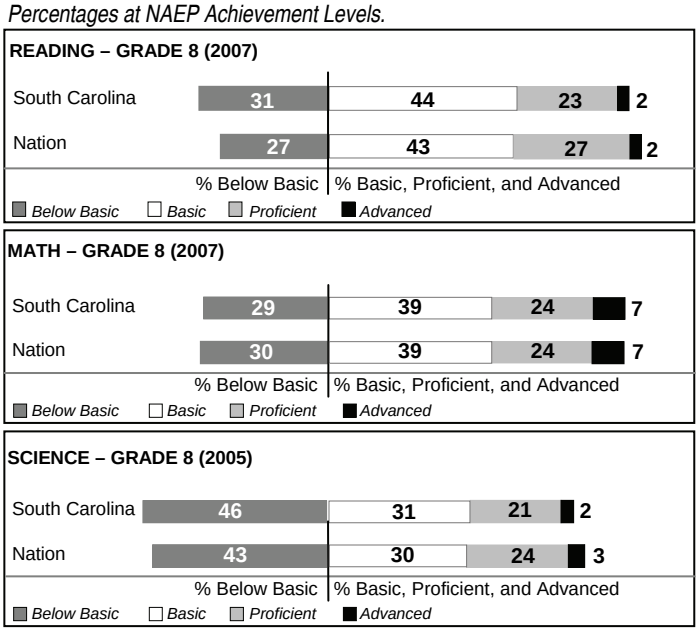
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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	98.6	98.3
English 1	98.3	98.0
Physical Science	N/A	100.0
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.5	98.2

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=1,326)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	56.3%	Up from 31.9%	24.0%	21.6%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 2.4%	1.0%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.5%	96.0%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	24.2%	Up from 21.8%	19.6%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	11.0%	Down from 11.7%	11.4%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.4%	Down from 3.6%	1.7%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.3%	0.8%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.1%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=89)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.2%	Down from 66.3%	56.6%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	78.7%	Up from 76.4%	76.0%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.8%	Up from 4.0%	5.7%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.0%	Up from 85.4%	85.3%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.2%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$48,059	Up 3.7%	$46,785	$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.4%	0.8%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	8.8 days	Down from 12.6 days	10.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.9 to 1	Down from 26.1 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Up from 89.8%	90.1%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.2%	Down from 100.0%	99.0%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,422	Down 3.0%	$6,884	$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.3%	Down from 63.4%	65.0%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.7%	Down from 57.7%	57.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%	Up from 75.9%	91.3%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	71	363	139
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.5%	61.5%	82.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.7%	64.4%	70.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.5%	79.5%	76.6%

*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

Gettys Middle School students, staff, administration, and community are “Making Gettys Great.” The 2008-09 school year has been a very successful year at Gettys Middle School. We have set high expectations for our students' learning and development. During 2008-09, Gettys Middle School received our first 2009 South Carolina Department of Education Red Carpet School Award. This accomplishment signifies a commitment to having a family-friendly school environment, an honor that only six middle schools in South Carolina received in 2009. The Red Carpet Award recognizes our efforts in establishing high expectations for customer service in support of our families and students. Our school also received the 2009 Safe Kids School Award for our emphasis on safety and student wellness.

Academically, our students have achieved award winning excellence. A record number of students received Presidential Academic Excellence awards from President Obama as well as dedicated participation in our National Junior Honor Society and BETA Clubs. Our students completed MAPS testing to chart their individual growth in Math and English and numerous students have shown outstanding gains. As a school, a significant accomplishment was receiving our highest absolute index on our school report card in over seven years. Also, in partnership with our district, we received district accreditation for meeting the highest national standards in education. Our teachers' outstanding accomplishments were recognized by numerous awards that included: The School District of Pickens County Teacher of the Year, the Upstate’s Literacy Administrator of the Year and Literacy Teacher of the Year, as well as the SC State Runner-Up for Literacy Administrator of the Year.

Our goals are to achieve academic excellence, positive character development, and successful partnerships with our families and communities. Each of these goals was accomplished with award-winning efforts and people working together. Our efforts on character education produced award lunches for hundreds of students that was sponsored by our parents and PTCO organization. One student was named South Carolina’s Top Youth Middle Level Volunteer for her community service work. We also benefited from tremendous support from our Breaker Buddies mentoring program and Clemson University’s Middle Passage program whose volunteers dedicated their time weekly in our after-school programs. One GMS parent received South Carolina Governor’s Volunteer Award for his service to our students. Our school was recognized as the top fundraiser for Pennies to Prevent Child Abuse and donated to several community charities. Athletically, all of our teams had successful seasons and our football team had an undefeated championship season. Numerous students received awards in the Fine Arts and exploratory areas. We are also extremely grateful to our volunteers and PTCO parent organization for a very successful year. Working together we can continue to “Make Gettys Great!”

Michael Cory, Principal and Twon Austin, SIC Chairman

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