



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

NEW HEIGHTS MIDDLE
Chesterfield County
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 583
Principal: Larry B. Stinson
Superintendent: Dr. John E. Williams
Board Chair: Chad Vick

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		
2010	Below Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

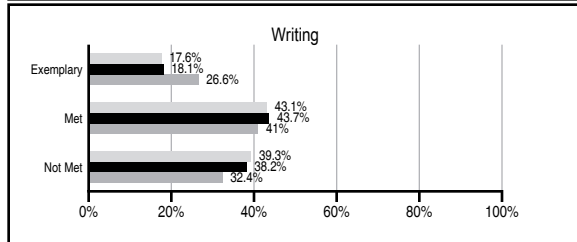
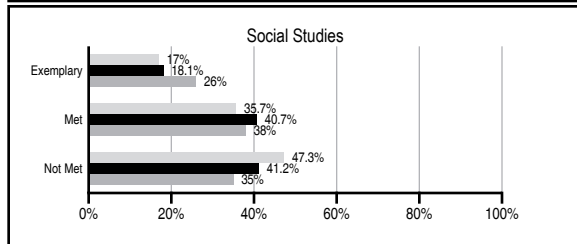
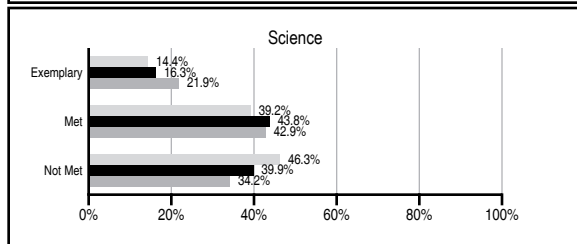
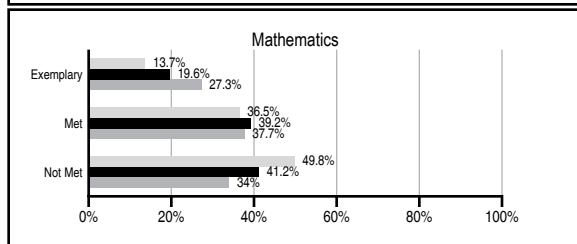
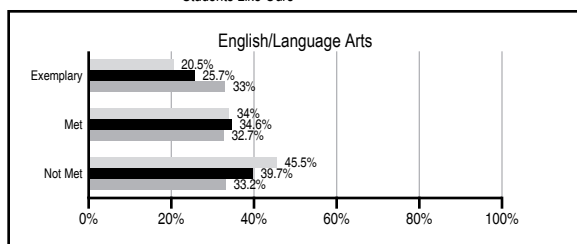
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	26	18	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. 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 (2009)

South Carolina	32	44	23	2
Nation	26	43	28	2

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% 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	92.6
English 1	N/A	94.0
Physical Science	N/A	73.7
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	92.6

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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NEW HEIGHTS MIDDLE [Chesterfield County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=583)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	1.5%	Up from 0.0%	18.0%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.7%	Down from 2.2%	0.8%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.9%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.0%	Down from 10.6%	11.2%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	Down from 10.9%	14.5%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	5.7%	Up from 5.3%	3.5%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Up from 1.3%	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.1%	Up from 58.3%	57.5%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	82.8%	Up from 55.6%	72.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.1%	Up from 9.1%	6.4%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.5%	Up from 89.3%	82.3%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.1%	95.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,043	Down 1.7%	\$45,750	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	Down from 3.3%	1.8%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	4.0 days	Down from 7.5 days	10.5 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.8 to 1	Up from 17.9 to 1	20.6 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Down from 91.0%	89.6%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	37.0%	Down from 96.4%	96.1%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,078	Down 6.6%	\$8,618	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.8%	Down from 67.0%	62.3%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.6%	Up from 61.2%	58.2%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	82.6%	Up from 76.2%	90.5%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	171	77
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	66.3%	81.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	75.3%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.5%	83.7%	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

Community, communication, and collaboration were the keys for success for 2009-2010. As we soar to "New Heights," our teachers, training, and technology advances us ever closer towards the realization of our goals. This year's absolute school rating has improved from last year's, and our expectations for next year are equally high. Exceeding our overall school goals reflect the commitment, skill, and resolve of our teaching faculty, which is fully certified and highly qualified. Newly piloted single-gender classes are expanding to 6th grade in 2010-2011, and have been greatly successful in improving the classroom learning environment for this year in 7th & 8th grades.

Our Chorus sang in many venues throughout the year, and our band serenaded the multitudes. Black History Month, Veterans Day, and Holidays' celebrations are just a few of the wonderful performances to which we were treated. Our Drama club presented "Beauty and the Beast" on February 22.

Hawks sports teams finished their seasons with great records. Our statistics show that students who play school sports go on to graduate high school at a greater rate than any other segment of the student population. We annually present the best school athlete award in each sport. Community outreach has been advanced by networking through our local churches, family nights, PTO meetings, and our SIC. Our disaster relief efforts were fruitful, as we collected over 500 pairs of jeans and \$2,500.00 in cash for earthquake victims in Haiti.

The Veterans Day Guest speaker was Theresa Hicks, whose son was killed in action overseas. The audience watched a slide show displaying pictures of men and women who devote their lives to defending our nation. In celebration of Black History Month, New Heights hosted Carolyn Evans, an actress and professional story-teller, who delivered a moving performance about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

Now in its second year, our PTO family night programs promote fellowship and networking between parents and our faculty. Our PTO Family Night was highlighted as a "Best Practice" in the Pee Dee region.

Best Selling Author and America's Most Popular Speaker on Parenting and Family Issues, Dr. John Rosemond served as guest speaker for the PTO Family Night.

The New Heights news team published five articles in the Pageland Progressive Journal to inform the community of the events at New Heights.

Fifty professionals from the community presented their careers in New Heights classrooms. Miss South Carolina, Kelly Sloan, visited New Heights on October 14 during Spirit Week.

This year we had five 8th grade students who are eligible for the Duke TIP program. Last year NHMS raised \$ 2000.00 for the American Cancer society. For the St. Jude Math-a-thon we raised \$ 2431.00 for St Jude's Children's hospital.

Communication with our parents is being enhanced through our website and blackboard connected phone messaging service. The school orientations are being expanded to include seventh and eighth grade for the 2009 2010 school year. Our spirit rock is in its second year and continues to be a fun way for parents, teachers, and students to express school spirit through life's special moments.

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