



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

DARLINGTON MIDDLE

Darlington

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 1,027

Principal: Carlita Davis

Superintendent: Dr. Rainey 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		
2010	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP

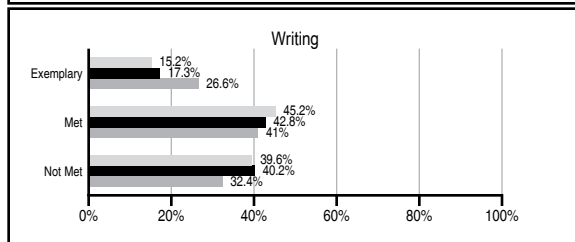
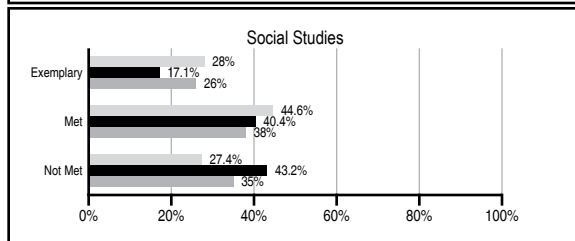
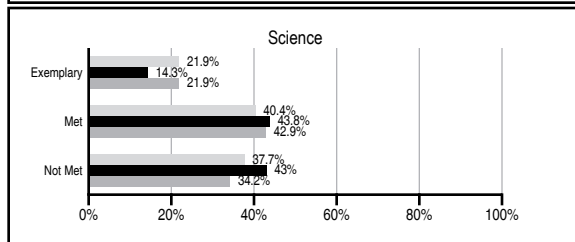
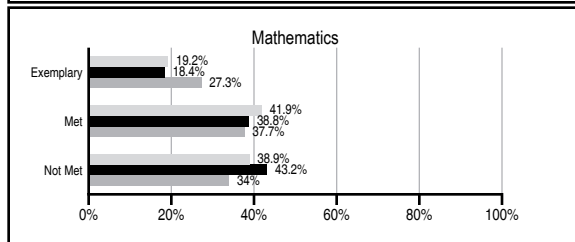
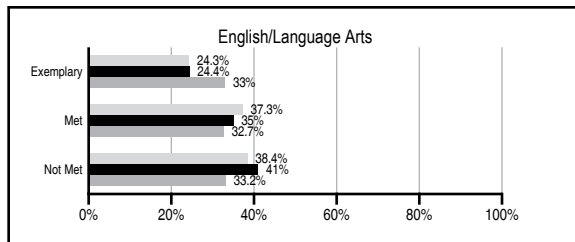
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	26	22	4

* 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.

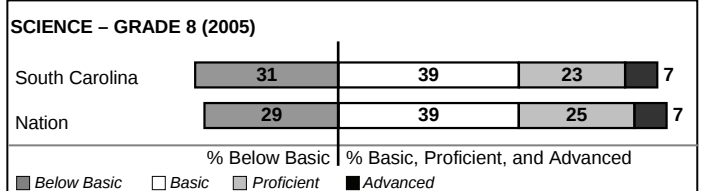
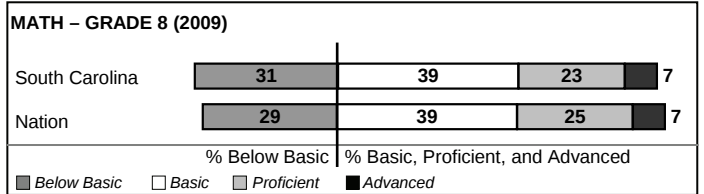
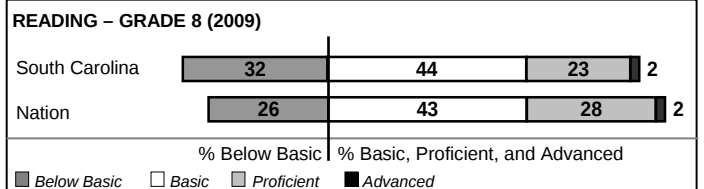
PASS PERFORMANCE

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.



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	97.0	92.9
English 1	97.1	90.3
Physical Science	91.3	76.4
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	95.1	90.9

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=1,027)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	10.4%	Down from 11.1%	17.0%	24.2%
Retention rate	1.8%	No Change	0.8%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.6%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.6%	Down from 8.2%	11.2%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.2%	Down from 17.8%	13.8%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	4.2%	Down from 5.0%	3.5%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.1%	Down from 0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=66)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	33.3%	Up from 30.6%	58.3%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	54.5%	Up from 47.2%	72.2%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.8%	Down from 18.0%	7.7%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.4%	Up from 75.4%	81.7%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.4%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,002	Up 1.0%	\$45,064	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.0%	Down from 6.6%	2.4%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	13.1 days	Down from 16.0 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	23.3 to 1	Up from 22.6 to 1	20.0 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Down from 91.0%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.6%	Up from 90.3%	96.1%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,532	Up 5.0%	\$8,638	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.1%	Down from 65.8%	62.3%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.8%	No Change	57.9%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	No Change	90.5%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	66	235	93
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.1%	60.1%	76.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.2%	72.1%	71.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	72.3%	78.4%	80.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The administrators, teachers, and staff of Darlington Middle School want to thank you for an outstanding school year! We also want to thank you 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 step in which your child develops life-long habits. We need continued assistance in working with us as we prepare him/her 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 in the 2009-2010 year that we are extremely proud of. They are as follows:

Our single-gender initiative
 High School Course Offerings
 Our LEGO League regional winners
 Our 3 state recognized Junior Scholars
 Our 17 Duke Tip Qualifiers
 Our continuously growing band and art programs
 The team concept throughout the building
 Raising over \$3,000 for Relay for Life
 Raising over \$2,000 for hospital patients
 97% Passing Rate - English End-of-Course Exam
 97% Passing Rate - Algebra End-of-Course Exam
 91% Passing Rate - Phys. Sci. End-of-Course Exam
 9 Perfects scores of 100 on End-of-Course Exams

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 properly prepare our youth for the future through the educational process.

Carlita S. Davis, Principal

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