



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

MERRIWETHER MIDDLE

Edgefield

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 421

Principal: Bobby Turner

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Rice-Crenshaw

Board Chair: Sallie B. Cooks

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	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

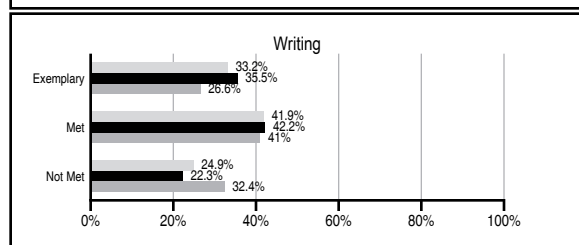
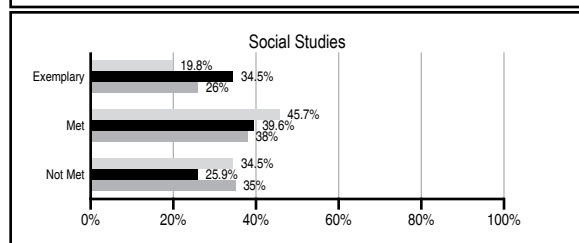
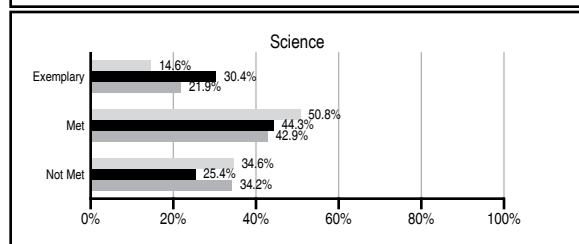
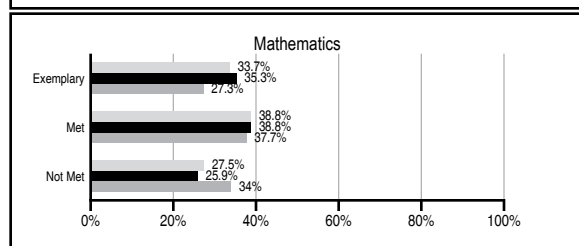
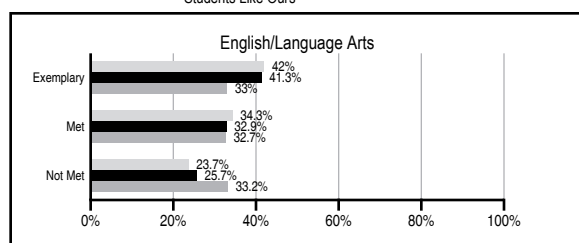
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	15	16	0	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.

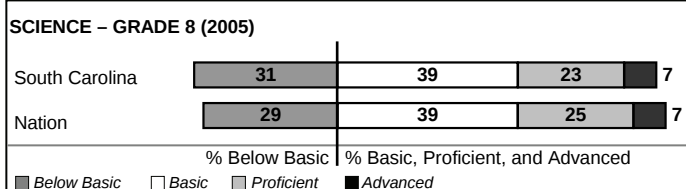
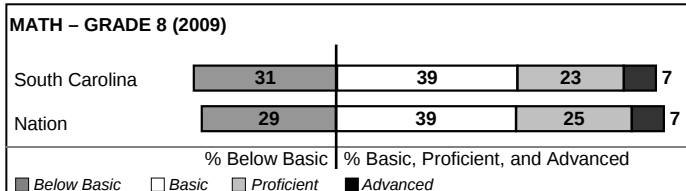
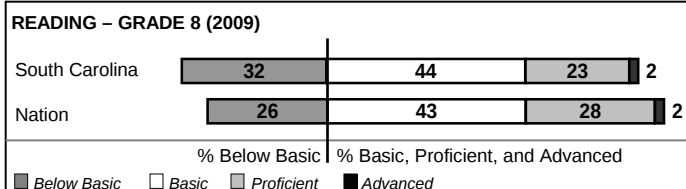
PASS PERFORMANCE

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.



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	98.7
English 1	100.0	97.2
Physical Science	N/A	27.4
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	96.9

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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MERRIWETHER MIDDLE [Edgefield]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=421)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	67.0%	Up from 49.1%	28.2%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 1.0%	0.5%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	96.1%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.4%	Down from 16.4%	22.7%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.9%	Up from 12.7%	11.1%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Down from 5.0%	1.2%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.1%	Up from 1.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	40.0%	Down from 44.4%	60.0%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Down from 81.5%	82.4%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.8%	Up from 4.5%	3.0%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Up from 88.2%	86.9%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 94.5%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,656	Up 0.8%	\$47,234	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.6%	Up from 1.5%	0.5%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	7.3 days	Up from 6.7 days	10.3 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.1 to 1	Up from 22.9 to 1	21.8 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 89.6%	90.6%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	88.6%	Down from 94.9%	97.1%	98.1%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,460	Down 8.9%	\$7,219	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.5%	Up from 59.1%	64.4%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.8%	Up from 58.1%	61.0%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 81.0%	93.1%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	14	130	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.7%	84.6%	82.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.7%	86.2%	74.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.6%	90.8%	67.3%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Merriwether Middle School is located in rural Edgefield County and serves approximately 420 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from various economic and ethnic backgrounds. At Merriwether Middle School, we believe that all students should be provided with opportunities for successful experiences. We strive to offer a curriculum that maximizes the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our emerging adolescents. We understand the unique needs and concerns of young adolescents, as well as the developmental challenges of this age group. Our curriculum is designed to assist our middle school students through the transitional period between elementary school and high school. Every student attends five academic classes and two exploratory classes taught daily by highly qualified teachers. Exploratory classes include band, music, art, physical education, technology, keyboarding, computer-assisted instruction, and reading and math enrichment. English 1, Algebra 1, Band 1, and Keyboarding are offered to eighth grade students for high school credit. High school credit in Keyboarding is also offered to qualifying 7th graders.

Many Merriwether Middle School students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the 2009-10 school year. These milestones validate the efforts of both our teachers and students in the pursuit of excellence. Ten eighth grade students were recognized as S.C. Junior Scholars. Our Mathcounts team placed second in the region and performed well in the state competition finals. Our Science Eco-Meet team placed sixth overall in the CSRA regional competition. The Merriwether Honor Band received an Excellent rating in the SCBDA-Concert Festival and a Superior rating in the Carowinds Music Festival. Also, four students were selected for the SCBDA All-State Region 2 Band. 100% of students enrolled in Algebra I passed the End-Of-Course Algebra 1 test, and 100% of students enrolled in English I passed the End-Of-Course English 1 test. In addition, MMS had one 7th grade student who received state recognition in the Duke TIP Program. Three sixth grade students attended the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Additionally, an MMS 7th grader represented Edgefield County in the Regional District Spelling Bee.

The A-Plus program is utilized in the computer labs and within the classroom setting. Each core curriculum class is equipped with a Promethean Board. Science labs include dissections of frogs, starfish, and earthworms. Project construction revolves around "Aliens," "Build A Buddy Body Systems," "Cells," "Weather," etc.

The Beta Club, Yearbook Staff, FCA, WMMS daily news show, and various volunteer organizations highlight positive student involvement in school activities that included the St. Jude's Math-a-thon, Toys for Tots, Haiti relief efforts, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

We welcome and encourage your input and participation in all aspects of the educational process. Your support and cooperation will ensure that our students continue to meet and exceed all challenges presented to them.

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