



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

GREER MIDDLE

Greenville

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 903

Principal: Scott Rhymer

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

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	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

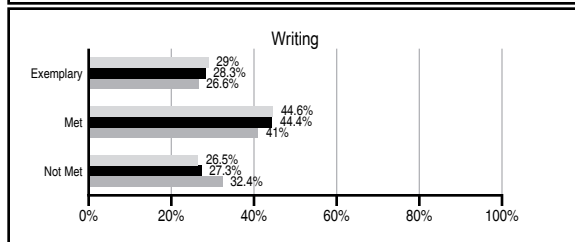
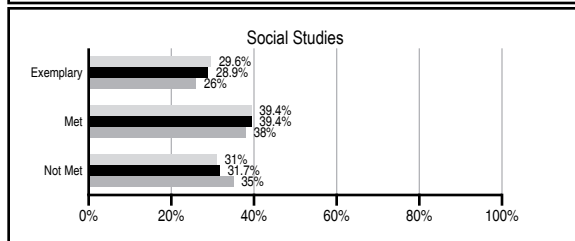
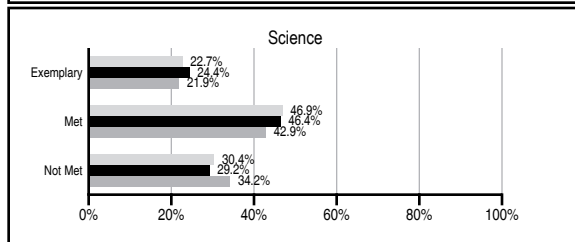
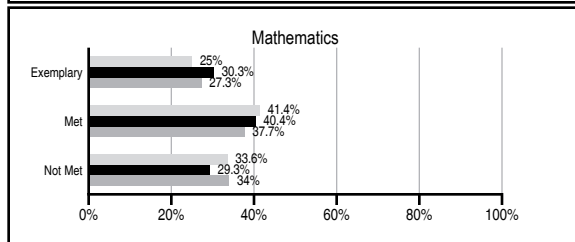
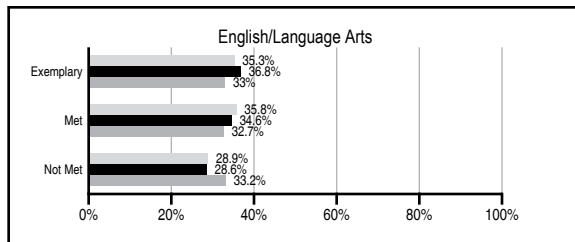
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	9	45	0	0

* 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.

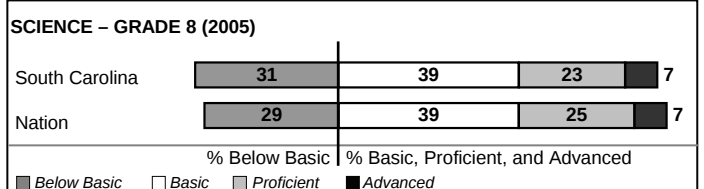
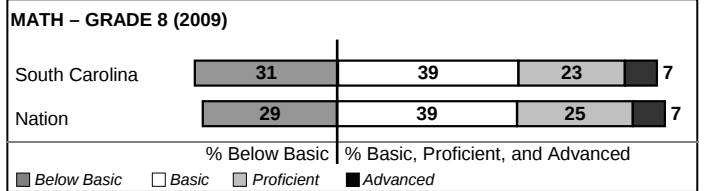
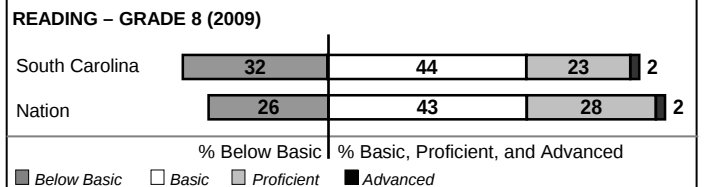
PASS PERFORMANCE

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	98.8	96.6
English 1	100.0	97.6
Physical Science	N/A	53.0
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	99.1	96.6

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=903)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	29.6%	Up from 19.5%	24.3%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 1.4%	0.8%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 94.9%	95.8%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.6%	Up from 16.7%	18.6%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	15.1%	Down from 16.5%	12.6%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	No Change	2.2%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.1%	Up from 0.3%	0.9%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=54)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.8%	Down from 66.1%	61.5%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	94.4%	Up from 91.1%	84.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.0%	Down from 3.6%	2.6%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Up from 90.9%	85.7%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 94.7%	95.6%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,460	Up 0.2%	\$47,447	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.4%	0.0%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	11.1 days	Up from 5.9 days	10.5 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.9 to 1	Up from 22.9 to 1	21.9 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.3%	Up from 89.5%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 90.0%	98.5%	98.1%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,411	Down 4.1%	\$7,538	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.4%	Up from 60.3%	63.9%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.3%	Up from 56.1%	60.5%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%	Up from 89.7%	92.6%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	56	281	232
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.4%	71.4%	83.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	78.8%	82.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.1%	84.5%	79.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Greer Middle School's mission is to empower students to become independent, productive learners, who exemplify good character in an increasingly global society. During the 2009-2010 school year, over 175 students earned high school credit in English I, Algebra I, Geometry, and Spanish I. Extracurricular activities for GMS students include seven sports teams, visual and performing arts opportunities, an academic team, and participation in high school sports at Greer High School.

The GMS Band participated in SCBDA Concert Festival and six students were selected to be in the Greenville County Honor Band. Two students were winners of the Greer Community Ministries Christmas Card Contest. GMS won 1st place in the Greenville Drive Reading All-Stars Challenge and participated in the Middle School Book Bowl. The GMS "Battle of the Brains" team finished in the Elite 8 of a competition between three upstate counties. Two 7th graders and two 8th graders participated in Sinfonia Chamber, part of the Greenville County Youth Orchestra system. Two 6th graders and one 7th grader participated in a Solo and Ensemble Contest in Strings and earned Superior and Excellent ratings. GMS students won the Greenville County "Attendance Blitz" competition against all other middle schools in the county.

All of our faculty members are highly qualified, and they continue to seek advanced degrees. As an International Baccalaureate school, students and teacher sponsors participate in programs such as Model United Nations and GMS Ambassadors program, which trains students to be leaders at GMS, their community, and their global world. Our Career Development Facilitator held a Career Fair with great participation.

The cooperative efforts of the staff, PTSA, and SIC increased our parental involvement opportunities. Some of the parental involvement opportunities included: 6th Grade Orientation, 7th/8th Grade Orientation, Washington DC Parent Meeting, PTSA Open House, GMS Book Fair, Night at the Museum, Algebra I Night, Bring Dads To Lunch, Bring Moms To Lunch, Goodies For Grans, Bring Grandparents To Lunch, Miss GMS Pageant, Ambassador Reception Night, Ambassador End Of Year Luncheon, Poetry Slam, Fall/Spring concerts in Chorus/Strings/Band, Celebration of Excellence, and Black and Gold Day.

Greer Christian Learning Center provides opportunities to a total of over 400 students on a daily basis for release time activities, which are requested by parents and supported by our community. Every academic class and many Related Arts classes have a Promethean Board for teachers to have interactive instruction with their students.

The school culture and climate of Greer Middle School is regarded as safe and friendly with opportunities for all stakeholders to give input towards the vision of the school. This collaborative vision will better prepare our students for a global economy and the information job skills necessary in the 21st century.

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