



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

ST JAMES MIDDLE

Horry

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 1,051

Principal: Dr. D. Dwight Boykin

Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

Board Chair: Will Garland

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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Average	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

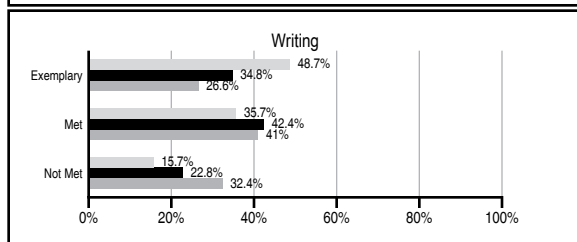
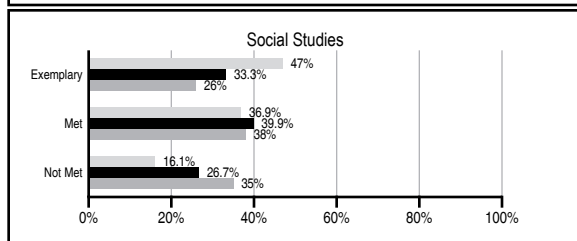
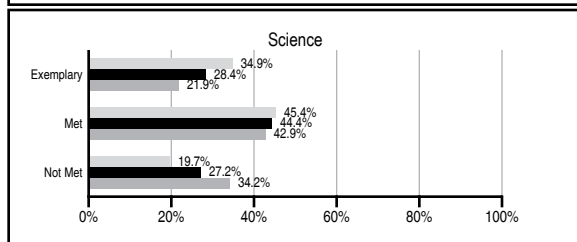
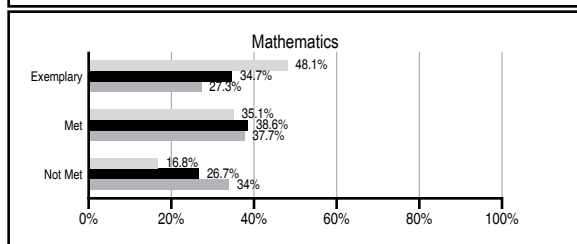
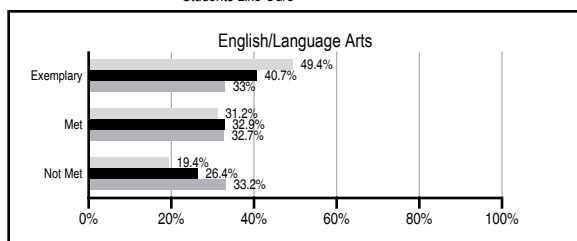
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	16	19	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.

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	98.8	98.5
English 1	100.0	96.7
Physical Science	N/A	22.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	99.1	96.7

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=1,051)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	93.6%	Up from 60.2%	33.1%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.1%	Down from 0.3%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.2%	96.0%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	35.6%	Up from 33.8%	21.2%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	13.2%	Down from 14.1%	11.2%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.1%	Up from 0.5%	1.4%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.4%	Up from 0.9%	0.5%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=68)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.4%	Up from 51.5%	59.7%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	82.4%	Up from 75.8%	81.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.7%	Down from 3.3%	3.8%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.4%	Up from 89.2%	86.7%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	No Change	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,993	Up 0.5%	\$46,846	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.4%	Down from 0.7%	0.6%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	13.9 days	Down from 19.6 days	9.9 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 21.7 to 1	21.9 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 90.1%	90.3%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.6%	Down from 100.0%	96.9%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,727	Up 1.7%	\$7,228	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.0%	Up from 63.5%	64.4%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.0%	Up from 44.4%	61.2%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	95.7%	Up from 95.2%	92.9%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	60	329	227
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.3%	71.6%	87.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3%	75.6%	77.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.2%	84.5%	78.4%

*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

We continued with our “Eyes on the Future” school-wide theme. We began the year with a well-planned professional staff development session focused on “rigor, relevance, and relationships.” Our administrative team modeled each area while providing instructional strategies, classroom management skills, the latest in technology, and effective collaboration. Our administrative team disaggregated our spring MAP and science and social studies Benchmark Tests results and presented it to our staff. Fortunately, our staff and students achieved many awards. Our school was showcased in September on South Carolina ETV’s “In Our Schools” after being awarded number one status in schools like us in the state. Our school received an “Excellent” on the absolute rating and an “Average” on the closing the gap rating on our state report card. This allowed us to receive the Gold and a Silver awards. In 2009, we ranked number two in schools like us in the state. Other awards included: 47 South Carolina Junior Scholars, 39 Explore Scholars, 4 John Hopkins’ Scholars, 6 Duke TIP Scholars, 5 All County orchestra members, 10 All-County and 1 All-State Band members, 1 All-County Chorus member, 1st place team in Regional (with 1 student placing 1st place finish individually and 6th place in the State in Math Counts), Myrtle Beach Essay Award winner, and a 3rd place finish in the Low Country Lego League Regional Qualifier competition for our Robotics Team. In addition, our Spelling Bee and Geography Bee champions competed at the state level, our Multi-Cultural committee held its 11th annual “Taste of St. James” dinner, Math-a-thon raised \$3,500 for St. Jude’s Research Hospital, \$6,700 was raised for “Freezing for a Reason” to support Special Olympics, school participated in “Relay for Life” program to support cancer research, and our student council association has sponsored a canned food drive, a toy drive, Hearts for Haiti, and a scholarship fund raising event for an education major.

Our PTSO and School Improvement Council spearheaded redesigning our flowers and landscape in our front yard and purchased additional plants and decorations for our front office. These organizations continue to provide breakfasts, lunches, and incentives for students and staff throughout the school year. We continue to focus on academics including our “20/20” 40-minute school wide reading comprehension program, implement/adjusting our instructional strategies based on disaggregating data from PASS, MAP, Benchmark quarterly tests, and classroom assessments. Our administrative team continues to follow through with teachers in their collaborative team meetings. Our teachers continue to promote enrichment programs including Math All Stars, Math Olympiad, Life Skills, Math Counts, Mock Trial, and our Cabana Reading incentive program. Our local International Rotary Club rewards three students for Most Improved at our quarterly awards assembly. We had over 50 local businesses who participated in our “Partners In Education” program. Our Career Specialist arranged special field trips to allow our 6th graders to personally visit local businesses, arranged speakers from many careers to visit and present in all 7th grade classes, and met with all 8th graders reviewing their career possibilities. We are blessed to be able to work in a great county with a wonderful Advisory Board, District Office, and Board of Education who enables us to reach our goals and aspirations.

Dr. D. Dwight Boykin, Principal
Mrs. Anne Herring, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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