



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

SOUTH MIDDLE
Lancaster County
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 621
Principal: Joyce Crimminger
Superintendent: Dr. Gene Moore
Board Chair: Bobby Parker

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

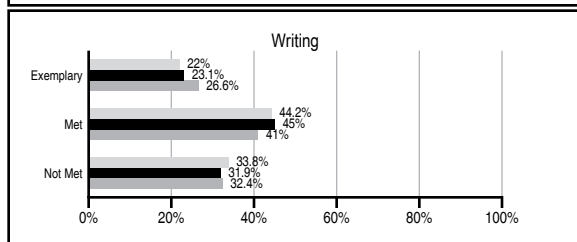
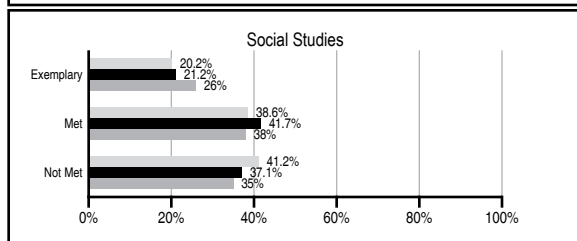
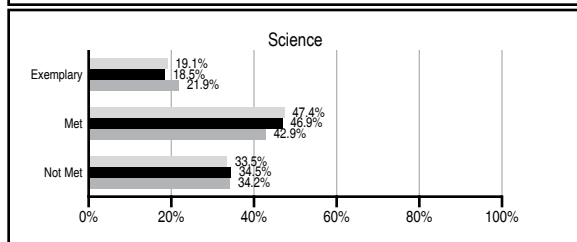
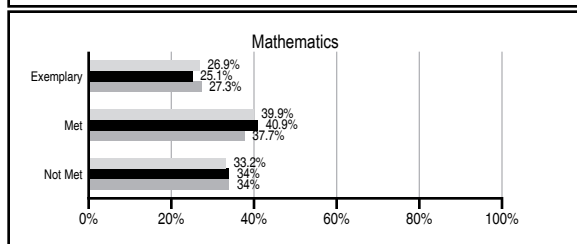
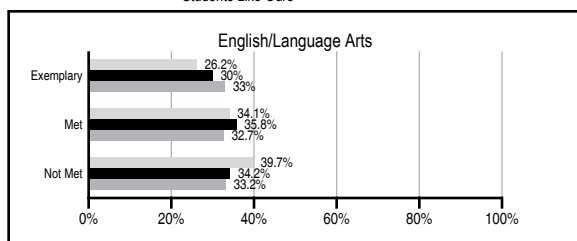
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	37	5	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.

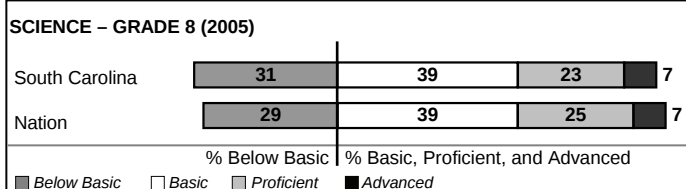
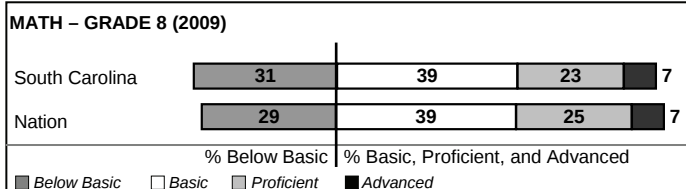
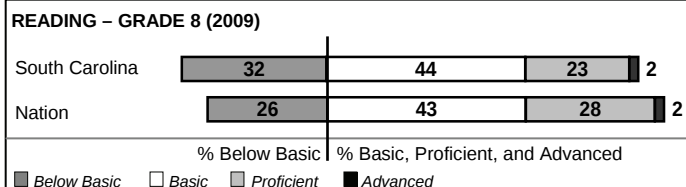
PASS PERFORMANCE

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	100.0	95.4
English 1	N/A	96.0
Physical Science	N/A	79.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	94.8

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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SOUTH MIDDLE [Lancaster County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=621)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	21.4%	Up from 16.3%	27.1%	24.2%
Retention rate	1.0%	Down from 1.3%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.2%	95.6%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.3%	Up from 13.6%	15.2%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	15.5%	Up from 15.4%	13.3%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.9%	Down from 2.0%	2.6%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.4%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=43)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.8%	Up from 55.3%	55.6%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	79.1%	Up from 66.0%	81.8%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.9%	Down from 7.1%	4.3%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.2%	Up from 76.4%	82.3%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.0%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,301	Up 2.1%	\$45,222	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 5.0%	0.9%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Up from 10.1 days	10.5 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Up from 19.0 to 1	20.8 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Up from 89.9%	90.3%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.4%	Down from 95.7%	98.3%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,438	Up 1.5%	\$7,771	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.3%	Down from 70.9%	64.2%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	Down from 64.5%	60.0%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Down from 92.0%	93.6%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	49	173	79
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.7%	70.9%	89.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.9%	72.5%	88.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.7%	82.6%	84.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

South Middle School continued to work towards providing our students with the best educational opportunities during the 2009 - 2010 school year. The following programs or initiatives were implemented or continued this year:

SMS Literary Magazine – The 2nd Annual Mustang Musings, a literary magazine highlighting student and teacher art work and creative writing, was published.

NetSCOPE- SMS has been selected as a Professional Development School for the 2010-2011 academic year. This partnership with Winthrop University will provide South with Winthrop interns and intense Winthrop-South collaboration. We will also have a Winthrop liaison to help facilitate the partnership-related activities.

Technology and Instructional Strategies – Teachers implemented the GT curriculum in all pre-honors and honors GT ELA and math classes. Our teachers also continued their involvement in after-school training in learning ways to effectively improve instruction using technology.

South's students continued to excel in academics throughout the year. Thirteen eighth graders were selected as Junior Scholars, seventeen students were recognized in the annual Celebration of Excellence, an eighth-grader won first place in the district Science Fair, an eighth-grade student had her Favorite Teacher essay published, three teachers presented at the South Carolina Middle School Conference, fifty-four students were inducted into the National Honor Society, fifteen teachers worked on GT endorsement, 100% of our Algebra I students passed the EOC, and our girls' basketball team had an undefeated season. Our arts program also continued to flourish with our band and chorus once again being recognized with many accolades that included excellent and superior ratings at solo and ensemble events. Several of our art students also received awards at the local county art show. Three of our teachers are National Board certified.

We continued to focus attention on implementing the comprehensive framework associated with Making Middle Grades Work.

SMS could not have accomplished so much without the help and support of our parents and community. The PTO and School Improvement Council continue to help ensure that our students receive the best educational opportunities possible.

Joyce Crimminger, Principal
Richie Knight, School Improvement Chair

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