



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

R C EDWARDS MIDDLE
Pickens

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 796

Principal: Gary Culler

Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt

Board Chair: Jim Shelton

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	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

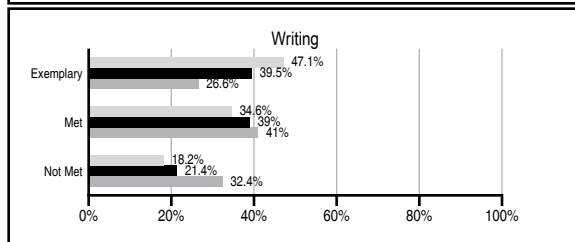
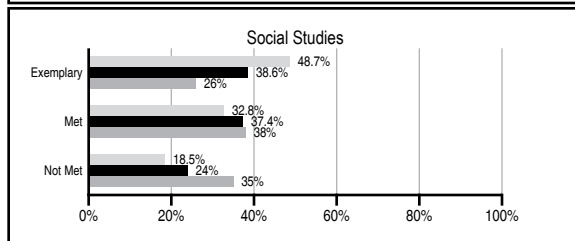
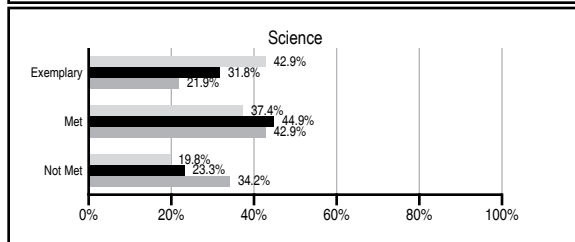
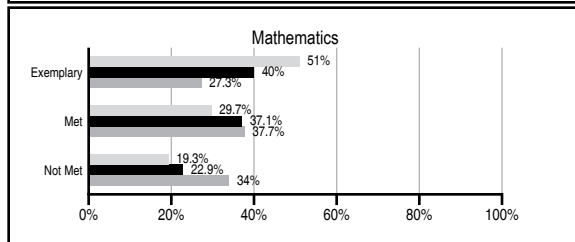
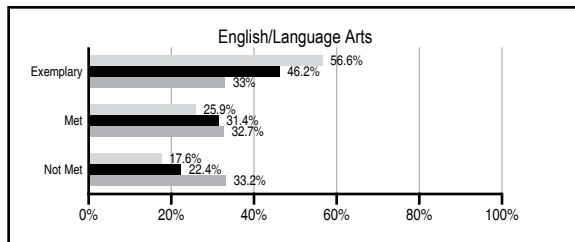
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	15	4	1	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.

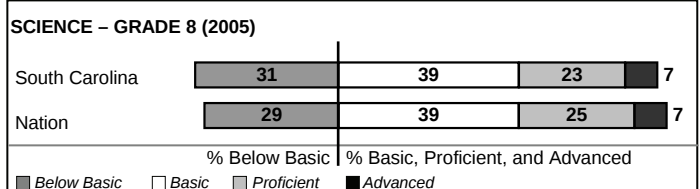
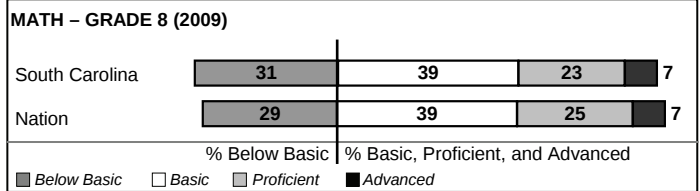
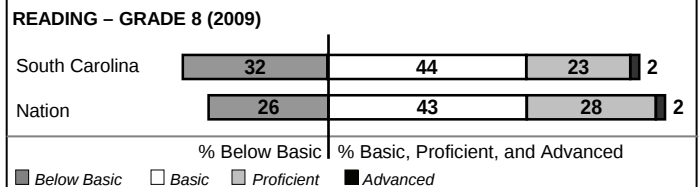
PASS PERFORMANCE

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	98.4	98.4
English 1	100.0	93.4
Physical Science	N/A	73.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100.0
All Subjects	99.0	97.7

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=796)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	45.7%	Up from 44.3%	40.1%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 2.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.5%	96.6%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	35.6%	Up from 34.0%	24.5%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	13.5%	Down from 13.7%	9.8%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.1%	Down from 2.2%	1.0%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 2.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.3%	Up from 61.5%	58.5%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	91.8%	Up from 82.7%	83.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.2%	Down from 4.1%	2.6%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Down from 92.4%	87.0%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.4%	95.8%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,085	Up 0.3%	\$48,583	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.3%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	3.3 days	Up from 2.9 days	8.6 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	No Change	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.0 to 1	Down from 26.4 to 1	22.3 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Down from 92.4%	92.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	66.8%	Down from 99.5%	98.4%	98.1%
Character development program	At-Risk	Down from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,362	Up 3.6%	\$7,097	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.9%	Up from 57.9%	66.4%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.3%	Down from 54.9%	63.7%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	92.0%	Down from 100.0%	93.1%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	245	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.2%	77.6%	84.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.2%	81.1%	77.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.1%	85.9%	68.0%

*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 2009-2010 school year has been a year of achievement for our school. It is the mission of RC Edwards Middle School to "promote high standards of academic achievement, personal achievement, and career development in a safe environment," and we have accomplished this through a multitude of opportunities for our stakeholders.

Our school was a proud recipient of State and National awards for academic excellence. Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the Federal Government was achieved. Palmetto Gold, a State measure of growth over a three year period, was awarded. RC Edwards was also rated as "excellent" on the school report card.

Our students have had numerous opportunities to showcase their talents in academics, athletics, and the arts. Our Algebra 1 classes scored an average of 92% and our English 1 classes an average of 93% on end of course exams. Our Festival Band won top national awards for its performance at the New York City Heritage festival at the Riverside church and was awarded the highest possible rating of gold from each of the five judges on the panel. The chess club finished first place in the State Competition, and our MathCounts team placed 1st in the regional competition. Fourteen students placed in the Biology Merit Exam. Edwards had 42 students named South Carolina Junior Scholars and 17 students qualify for the Talent-Search Program sponsored by Duke University including two Grand Award winners.

Some exemplary programs at Edwards include our Panthers in Action, Students of the Month, the 100% Club, and Breakfast of Champions. The Panthers in Action are our tour guides for new students; the Students of the Month program identifies students who have excelled in the classroom as model students; the 100% Club is for students who have turned in all of their work for the previous quarter; and Breakfast of Champions rewards students who have not incurred disciplinary action during the previous quarter. The MAP prepares students to take PASS and more importantly provides valuable information about students' progress throughout the year so that teachers can meet their needs more effectively.

In an effort to invest in the surrounding community, Edwards contributes to many outreach programs. Students and faculty make donations to local charities, such as Relay for Life, Hoops for Heart and United Way and participate in fundraisers such as Hands up for Haiti, and Senior citizens Day. This year we are proud to achieve the Purple Award from Relay for Life, having raised over \$11,500.

Gary Culler, Principal

Kim Vick, School Improvement Council Chair

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