



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

MYLES W WHITLOCK JUNIOR HIGH
Spartanburg 7
Grades: 7-9 **Enrollment: 289**
Principal: Dr. Shawn D. Foster
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Sharon D. Porter

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	At-Risk	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2008	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

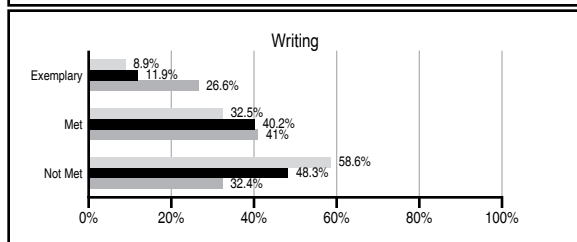
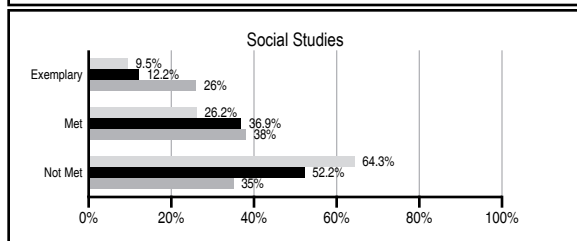
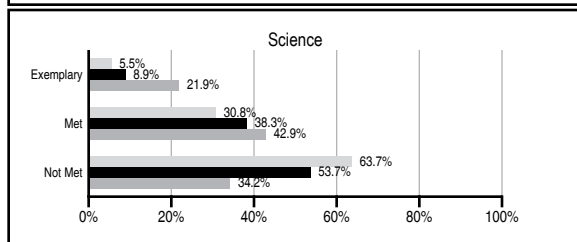
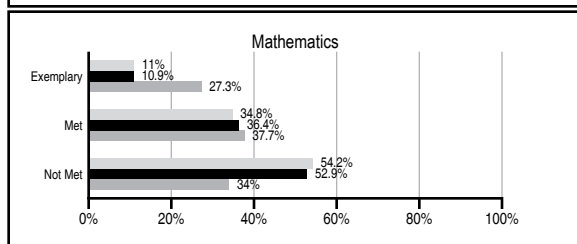
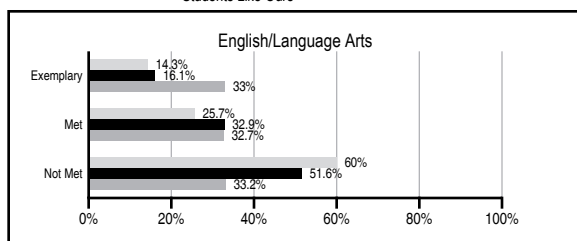
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	7	29	23

* 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.

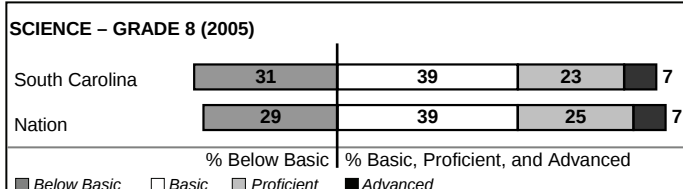
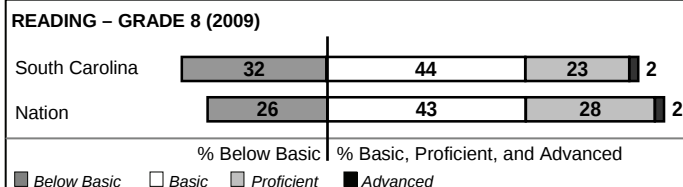
PASS PERFORMANCE

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	75.4	88.9
English 1	55.7	90.1
Physical Science	27.8	42.1
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	51.1	88.7

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=289)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	13.3%	Up from 11.1%	13.9%	24.2%
Retention rate	2.6%	Down from 4.7%	1.1%	0.7%
Attendance rate	93.1%	Up from 90.8%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.7%	Up from 6.6%	5.2%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	18.3%	Up from 16.8%	14.8%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	6.6%	Down from 7.8%	5.0%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.5%	Up from 2.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Up from 0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.4%	Down from 54.8%	57.6%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	61.3%	Down from 77.4%	66.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.0%	Up from 0.0%	11.9%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	74.8%	Up from 73.9%	77.4%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	93.5%	Up from 91.4%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,522	Up 3.8%	\$44,768	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	5.4%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	Down from 14.3 days	10.6 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	14.7 to 1	Down from 16.2 to 1	16.9 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.3%	Up from 80.0%	89.8%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 94.5%	97.1%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,521	Up 2.6%	\$10,543	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.6%	Up from 58.1%	60.2%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.9%	Up from 54.7%	55.8%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%	No Change	85.7%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	70	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.0%	57.1%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.0%	67.1%	73.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	62.0%	76.8%	68.2%

*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 was an exciting one at Whitlock Jr. High School. The parents, teachers, and administrators started the year with one important message to all students, "I believe in you." Through this message, each student was encouraged to work toward his or her highest academic ability, to develop a positive self-concept, and to grow in self-discipline and social consciousness. Beyond providing academic, social, and cognitive skills, the teachers sought to help students develop an appreciation of the ongoing quality of every learning experience. Through implementation of this philosophy, we challenged our students to reach their maximum potential so they would become productive, creative, and responsible members of society in an ever-changing world.

Our students' achievements in all areas were a focal point for Whitlock Jr. High School. Four students were selected to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). Three students were named South Carolina Junior Scholars. Ninety-three percent of the 8th grade students enrolled in Physical Science passed the state End of Course (EOC) test. Every grade level met their target growth on the Reading and Math sections of the Measures of Academic Progress tests (MAP). Four students were named Citizens Scholars. Two students applied for the Scholars Academy at University of South Carolina Upstate. Students exceeded all four of their academic goals set in the State Department of Education's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Students also participated in Whitlock's first-ever Math and Science Day; this was a program held in partnership with NASA. The girls' chorus received a superior rating at the South Carolina Festival for the first time in the school's history. Nine students were named All Conference in football, girls' and boys' basketball, and volleyball. Students also attended a number of educational and fun field trips throughout the school year. These trips included: the HBCU Football Classic, Honda Battle of the Bands competition in the Atlanta Georgia Dome, South Carolina Academy Day in Columbia, SC, Frankie's Fun Park in Greenville, SC, Martin Luther King Celebration and Leading Ladies Retreat in Spartanburg, SC, and Six Flags and Carowinds Amusement Parks. We are extremely proud of these and the many other student accomplishments.

Many teachers were productive and excelled at Whitlock Jr. High School. Teachers worked extremely hard in preparing students for the quarterly schoolwide benchmarks used to assist teachers with data-driven instruction. Teachers attended more than 150 professional development conferences and seminars. Two teachers received their National Board Certification, and one teacher was selected as the Teacher Reader Leader for South Carolina's "No Book Left Unread" initiative. These great accomplishments, along with many more, helped establish the culture of excellence throughout the school.

We are extremely appreciative of the support from parents and the Whitlock community. Through our partnership and commitment to our students, we have provided our students with an educational experience they will never forget.

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