SC Annual School Report Card Summary

SEVIER MIDDLE
Greenville
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 573**
Principal: Ms. Karen Kapp
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Roger Meek

PERFORMANCE

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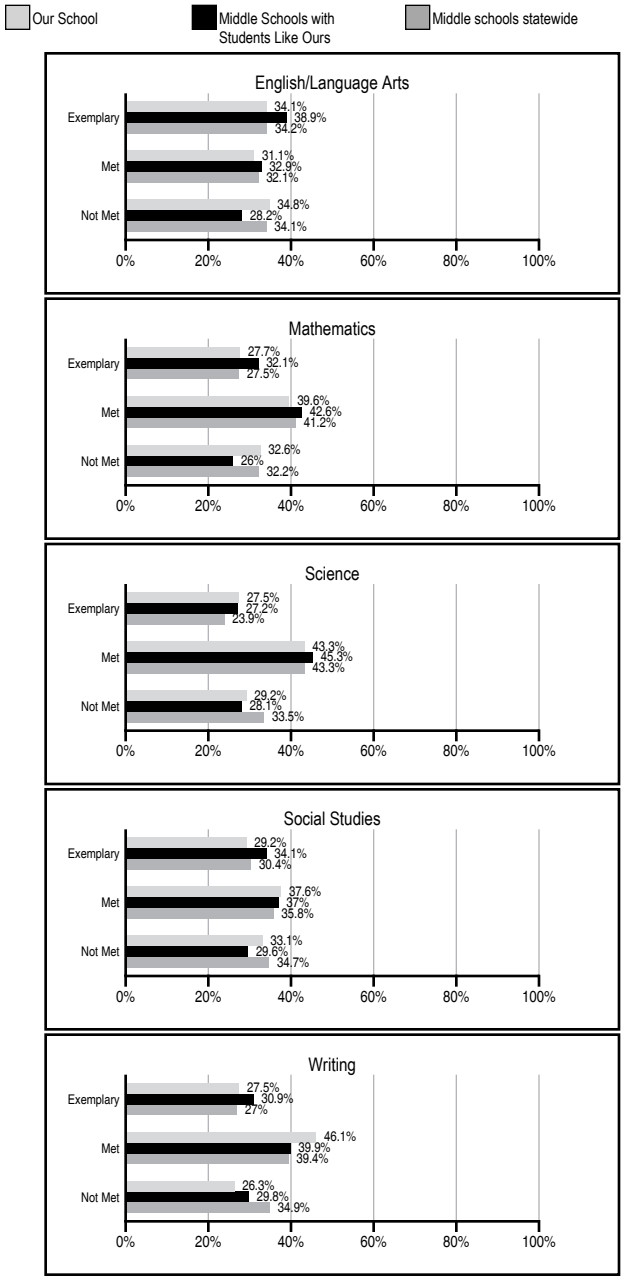
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	20	25	0	1

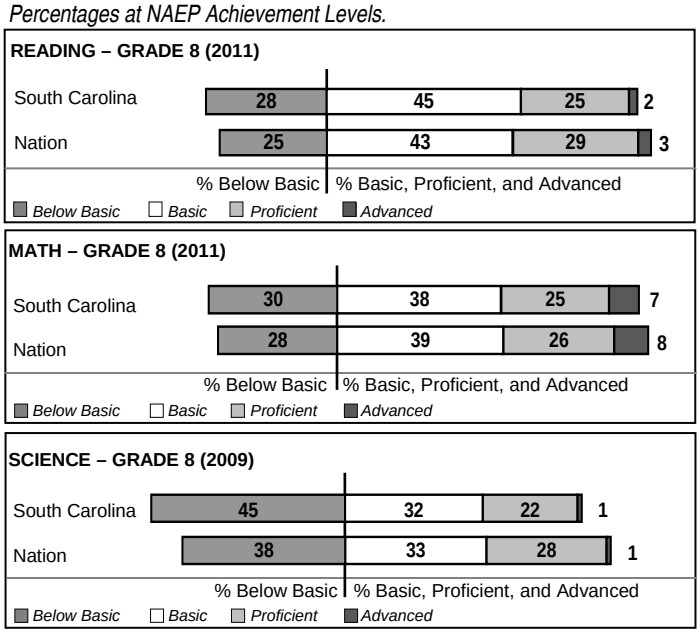
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

** Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.*



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% 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	98.1
English 1	98.1	92.3
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	N/A
Physical Science	N/A	31.7
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.8	95.8

SC PERFORMANCE 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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SEVIER MIDDLE [Greenville]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=573)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	16.1%	Down from 17.5%	30.8%	24.5%
Retention rate	2.8%	Up from 0.5%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.9%	96.1%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.1%	Up from 15.9%	21.1%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	17.4%	Down from 19.7%	8.9%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.4%	Up from 0.3%	1.2%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.7%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.5%	Up from 53.7%	61.0%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	87.1%	Up from 80.5%	82.8%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.4%	No Change	85.6%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 97.1%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$45,974	Down 2.3%	$46,642	$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.3 days	Down from 17.4 days	9.7 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.9 to 1	Up from 23.1 to 1	23.1 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 92.9%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	99.5%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,363	Up 3.3%	$7,318	$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.2%	Down from 61.9%	64.5%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.7%	Up from 58.1%	62.1%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	69.0%	Down from 96.6%	81.0%	80.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	158	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.5%	65.6%	81.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0%	80.1%	82.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.0%	84.6%	70.7%

*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

The School Improvement Council of Sevier Middle School is pleased to share the highlights and success of the 2010-2011 school year. As the economic crisis hit the schoolhouse taking 7½ positions and forcing larger class sizes, funds for materials were scarce and nearly 20% of our teachers taught courses for the first time. No matter the challenge, Sevier kept a clear focus on academic achievement and opportunity for students. The commitment of the Sevier staff, and the "can do" spirit among students, parents, and volunteers ensured access to a rich academic and related arts curriculum, and supported high levels of learning for each of our students.

Revised start and end times for Greenville middle schools were an immediate help – every student began class on time. Many read more books and finished homework in the media center or computer lab – open each morning. Efficient after school pick up eased supervision, and allowed more time for student support and enrichment.

The energetic investment of parent volunteers and community partners provided over $4,000 in teacher grants, academic incentives for students, classroom enrichment, and activities for families. Our first ever Spirit Squad was parent led, and increased enthusiasm and leadership for our athletic program. Our School Improvement Council studied "authentic literacy", paving the way for full community understanding that every student must read critically, write effectively, and solve problems thoughtfully. The PTA, SIC, and Sevier faculty presented an invigorating curriculum showcase for incoming 6th graders. The "Flight of the Falcon" raised enthusiasm for our total program, and netted a waiting list for enrollment at the 6th grade.

Our student activities program continues to bring honor to our school. Our softball team made their first tournament appearance, Battle of the Brains made the "Elite Eight", a sixth grader won first place in the District Reflections Contest, and our Book Bowl team was District Champion.

With an Improvement Rating of GOOD and the Silver Award for 2010 performance, we are pleased to note the relative stability in our PASS scores for 2011. As we grow and benefit from an improving economic outlook, we expect to continue the upward trend in student achievement established across the last 5 years.

We challenge each of you to encourage an excellent school experience for your sons and daughters. Parents, teachers, and community members must work together to prepare students for the challenges that lie ahead. Students must do their best to see that they never allow a gap in their understanding or miss the opportunity for a richer experience. A strong student becomes a self-sufficient adult and contributing citizen. Let's make sure each of our Sevier Falcons is equipped to meet the future.

Have a great school year!

Karen M Kapp, Principal
Janet Grabowski, SIC Co-Chair
Susan Spencer, SIC Co-Chair

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