# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE**
**Greenville**
**Grades: 6-8** **Enrollment: 969**
**Principal: Becky Greene**
**Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher**
**Board Chair: Roger Meek**

## PERFORMANCE

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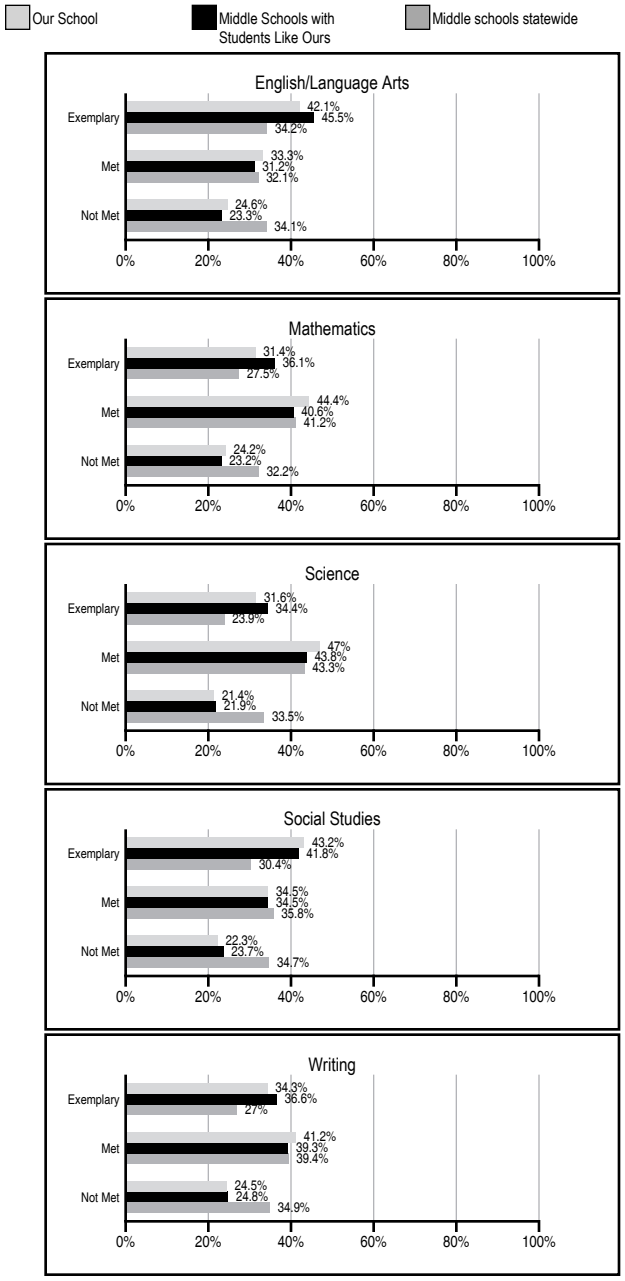
| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD | | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | General Performance | Closing the Gap | | |
| 2011 | Good | Excellent | TBD | TBD | Not Met | N/A |
| 2010 | Average | Good | Silver | N/A | Met | 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 |

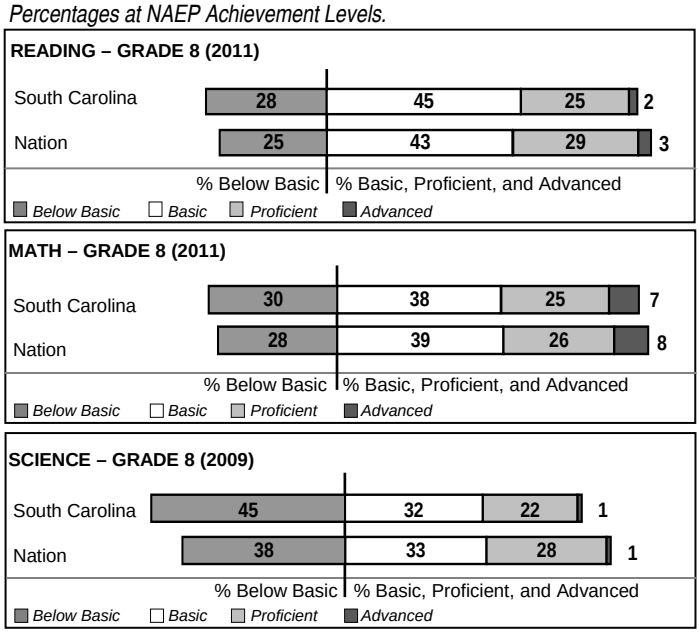
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

## 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 | 96.8 |
| English 1 | 97.8 | 96.6 |
| Biology 1/Applied Biology 2 | N/A | 94.8 |
| Physical Science | N/A | 35.2 |
| US History and the Constitution | N/A | 100 |
| All Subjects | 98.8 | 96.1 |

### 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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# BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE [Greenville]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle School |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Students (n=969)** | | | | |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8) | 21.1% | Up from 11.1% | 34.2% | 24.5% |
| Retention rate | 0.0% | Down from 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.7% |
| Attendance rate | 96.2% | Up from 96.1% | 96.3% | 95.9% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | 14.7% | Down from 19.4% | 24.3% | 17.8% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 13.3% | Up from 13.0% | 7.2% | 9.2% |
| Older than usual for grade | 1.0% | Up from 0.8% | 1.0% | 1.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.4% | Up from 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **Teachers (n=50)** | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 74.0% | Up from 67.3% | 60.0% | 60.0% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 86.0% | Up from 81.8% | 82.6% | 82.6% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 94.6% | Up from 94.0% | 90.1% | 85.6% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 93.4% | Down from 96.3% | 95.0% | 95.3% |
| Average teacher salary* | $49,046 | Up 1.0% | $47,506 | $46,300 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | No Change | 1.8% | 1.2% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 6.5 days | Up from 3.4 days | 9.6 days | 9.9 days |
| **School** | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 4.0 | Up from 3.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 25.8 to 1 | Up from 23.2 to 1 | 23.5 to 1 | 21.5 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 90.4% | Down from 92.5% | 90.8% | 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 | 98.2% | 98.1% |
| Character development program | Good | No Change | Good | Good |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | $5,956 | Down 3.0% | $6,790 | $7,634 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 64.7% | Down from 65.7% | 66.1% | 64.0% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 63.8% | Up from 61.7% | 64.0% | 61.2% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 90.5% | Down from 100.0% | 85.7% | 80.5% |

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of surveys returned | 46 | 300 | 123 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 97.8% | 86.3% | 91.9% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0% | 88.6% | 90.1% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 100.0% | 92.3% | 76.0% |

*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

Blue Ridge Middle School

Profile
Blue Ridge Middle School is a rural public school located in the northern part of Greenville County. BRMS began its existence in 1986 occupying the building formerly used as Blue Ridge High School and constructed in 1953. The middle school had a beginning enrollment in the low 400s and a small teaching staff. In the early 1990s the school experienced rapid growth with enrollment rising to the 700s. In the past ten years enrollment has increased to the current enrollment of 972, Caucasian 91%, African American 5%, Hispanic 3%, other <1%. BRMS has the largest geographic attendance area in the Greenville County School District, encompassing homes from the finest upscale communities to communities of rural economic deprivation. Thirty-one percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Forty-seven percent of the students use the bus transportation in the afternoon. Fourteen percent of the students receive special education services.

Mission, Vision & Beliefs
Our Mission: Reaching, Teaching, Inspiring
A vision is a specific description of what it will be like when the mission is achieved. So, based on the belief that our mission at Blue Ridge Middle School is to reach all students, teach all students, and inspire all students, we are confident that when we achieve our purpose we will feel, see, and hear things like...a unified nurturing environment, active learning and positive communication. Values and beliefs are the core of who we are, what we do, and how we think and feel. Values and beliefs reflect what is important to us; they describe what we think about work and how we think it should operate.

Becky Greene, Principal
Will Snipes, SIC Co-chair
Jon Ballard, SIC Co-chair

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