SC Annual School Report Card Summary

RALPH CHANDLER MIDDLE
Greenville
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 723**
Principal: Rita Mantooth
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Roger Meek

PERFORMANCE

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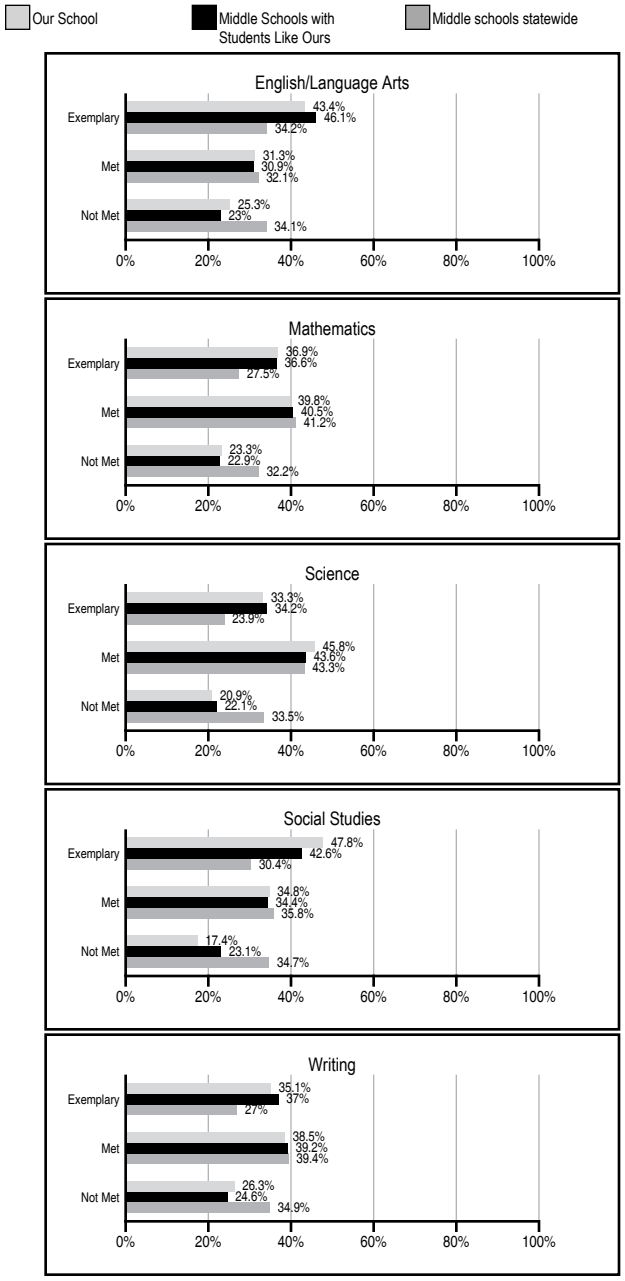
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	9	6	1	0

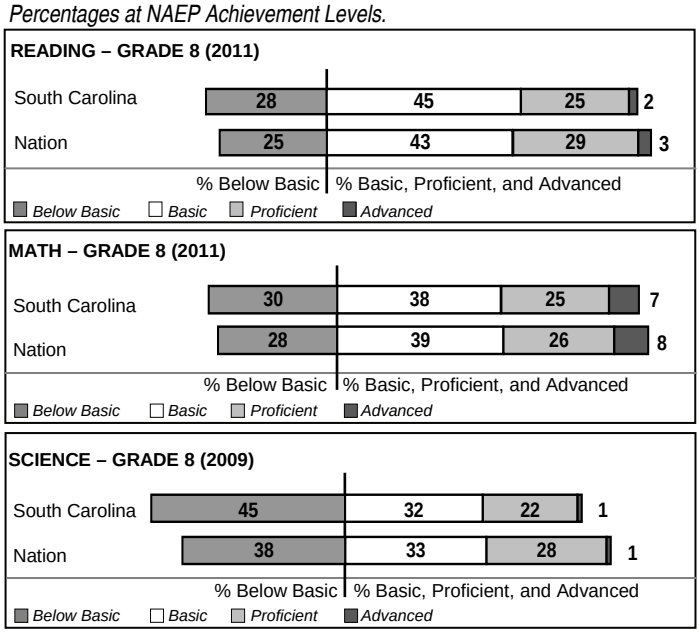
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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	94.4	97.2
English 1	100.0	96.8
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	94.8
Physical Science	N/A	52.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100
All Subjects	95.7	96.7

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=723)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	35.6%	Up from 27.2%	35.7%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.7%	Up from 0.3%	0.3%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.6%	96.3%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.7%	Up from 20.4%	24.3%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	10.5%	Down from 11.5%	7.2%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.4%	No Change	0.9%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	42.1%	Up from 41.5%	60.0%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	78.9%	Up from 65.9%	86.0%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	89.6%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 97.4%	94.8%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$39,074	Down 0.2%	$48,140	$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.5%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Down from 10.3 days	9.9 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	0.0	Down from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.0 to 1	Up from 22.3 to 1	23.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Down from 92.6%	90.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.9%	Down from 98.1%	98.4%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Average	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$5,843	Down 14.2%	$6,647	$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.7%	Down from 58.8%	66.0%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.7%	Down from 56.4%	64.0%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	No Change	85.7%	80.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	205	77
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.3%	67.2%	79.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	68.6%	78.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.6%	76.4%	75.7%

*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

Ralph Chandler Middle School opened its doors in August 2008 to serve families in the Simpsonville and Fork Shoals communities. RCMS is a family-friendly school where parents, community, and staff work to create a school climate that fosters academic rigor and high expectations. During our first year we served 560 students. Our third year concluded with an enrollment of 730 students.

Our professional school staff consists of 36 teachers, 9 support staff members, and 3 administrators. 100% of our staff is highly qualified and 5 staff members have met the requirements for National Board Certification. Of the professional staff, 67% have less than 10 years' teaching experience, but 50% of them hold Master's degrees.

The results of our most recent state assessment indicated that 72.3% of our students met or exceeded the standard in ELA and Math. These results showed a significant improvement from the previous year and earned our school a report card and improvement rating of Good, which is up from our previous ratings of Average. Technology integration continues to be a focus for teachers and is an integral part of daily instruction. Data analysis including our review of benchmark tests and MAP scores allowed us to provide rigorous academic experiences for our students and continues to be the foundation for professional development for our teachers.

Our students excelled this year in a variety of areas: 50% of our students were recognized on honor rolls during the year; 17 - 8th graders qualified as Junior Scholars; 71- 7th graders qualified for the Duke Talent Identification Program. 50% of our students were enrolled in advanced classes. In addition our orchestra achieved a Superior rating at the Carowinds Festival of Music and an Excellent rating at the Disney Festival. Two athletic teams qualified for the district playoffs in their individual sports. More than 50% of our students and parents participated in our first year of student led conferences.

Parent leadership organizations such as the PTSA and SIC continue to actively support our school. Through the fundraising efforts of PTSA, teachers were awarded over $8,000 in grants to supplement classroom resources during this past year. SIC has written local and state grants to strengthen the mentoring program that allows for at-risk students to have experiences within the community that they would not otherwise be afforded.

Our mission, vision, and goals support our work to raise academic achievement for our students. For more information concerning our school, please visit our website at http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/chandler/.

Rita Mantooth, Principal and Kara Holley, SIC Chair

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