



Cross High School

1289 Old Hwy 6
Cross, SC 29436

Grades	7-12 Middle School	
Enrollment	293 Students	
Principal	Adrian Busch	843-899-8900
Superintendent	Dr. Rodney Thompson	843-899-8600
Board Chair	Doug Cooper	

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Below Average	Average
2011	Below Average	Below Average
2010	Below Average	At-Risk
2009	Below Average	At-Risk
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA 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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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located

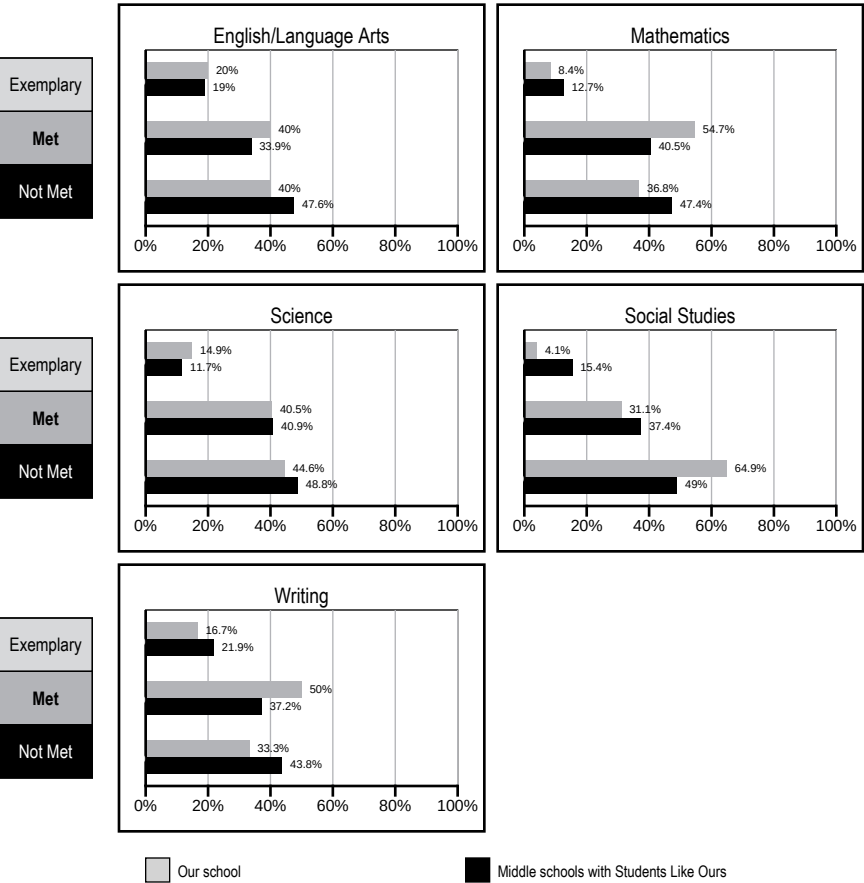
96.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	1	25	24	21

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Middle schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	88.0%
English 1	81.3%	77.0%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	87.5%	86.0%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=293)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	12.5%	Down from 13.5%	14.9%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 1.0%	1.2%	0.8%
Attendance rate	98.1%	Up from 97.2%	95.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 1.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.7%	Down from 70.0%	60.0%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	82.2%	Down from 83.0%	80.1%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	90.3%	Down from 94.4%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,414	Down 3.0%	\$43,621	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	15.4 days	Down from 19.6 days	9.1 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	Up from 14.6 to 1	18.9 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4%	Down from 90.5%	89.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 97.3%	98.1%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$16,068	Up 3.9%	\$9,376	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.6%	Down from 62.7%	59.0%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.2%	Down from 58.5%	53.6%	60.9%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

We believe one of the major reasons for our success this year is that we provide individualized intervention for students who are at-risk. We continue to utilize technology to supplement instructional services. Our math and English teachers are able to plan lessons and coordinate them with the laboratory assistants. These strategies have resulted in steady increases in student achievement as measured by both the EOC examinations and the Exit Exam. We have instituted a focus on benchmarking standards so that our students are adequately prepared for standardized assessments. Our students continue to excel in both reading and writing. We believe that the collaboration and scaffolding that takes place among the reading and English teachers' play major role in our students' success. Because we are a 7-12 school, our high school teachers are able to plan and coordinate with our middle school teachers. We have focused on staff development regarding data driven decision making for our staff. These measures have allowed us to improve student achievement through a focused curriculum. This year Cross High School received several awards and recognitions. We were again named a Palmetto Gold/Silver School. We received a Magna Cum Laude award for our students' outstanding progress on SAT assessments. We also helped our district to receive district level SACS accreditation. Our athletic teams were awarded four region championships this year, and we had many region players of the years in these various sports. We maintained our position as a finalist for College Summit School of the year, peer leader of the year, and College Summit teacher of the year competitions. The nurturing and caring environment that our teachers foster for our students plays a large role in our success. Teachers know each student on a personal level and have a profound understanding of the individual needs of the students. We implemented 100% participation in school clubs, and a school-wide advisor/advisee initiative aimed at character development. We also implemented a school wide reading initiative designed to improve literacy campus-wide. All of these strategies help Cross High to provide for the overall development of our students for future success.

Sterling Harris, Principal
Carl Heyward, SIC Chairman

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	78.0
Overall Grade Conversion	C

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Cross High School school has been designated as a:

- ☐ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☒ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☐ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.4%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.7%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.6%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	98.1%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 6-8						
All Students	625.8	625.3	608.4	591.2	99.1	99.1
Male	617.7	622.5	606.8	589.0	98.6	98.6
Female	641.0	630.6	611.1	596.2	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	626.1	626.3	604.1	591.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	622.9	624.1	604.8	588.8	98.9	98.9
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	624.0	624.0	624.0	624.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
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English/Language Arts

2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	47	97.9	41.9	39.5	18.6	58.1
	8	50	100	44.7	29.8	25.5	55.3
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	59	98.3	50.9	35.8	13.2	49.1
	8	48	100	26.2	45.2	28.6	73.8

Mathematics

2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	47	97.9	32.6	55.8	11.6	67.4
	8	50	100	38.3	55.3	6.4	61.7
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	59	98.3	45.3	39.6	15.1	54.7
	8	48	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	73.8

Science

2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	47	97.9	58.1	37.2	4.7	41.9
	8	26	100	62.5	33.3	4.2	37.5
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	59	98.3	54.7	34	11.3	45.3
	8	25	100	19	57.1	23.8	81

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
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Social Studies

2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	47	97.9	67.4	27.9	4.7	32.6
	8	24	100	43.5	43.5	13	56.5
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	59	98.3	69.8	26.4	3.8	30.2
	8	23	100	52.4	42.9	4.8	47.6

Writing

2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	49	100	38.3	51.1	10.6	61.7
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	49	100	33.3	50	16.7	66.7

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