



A. R. Rucker Middle School

422 Old Dixie Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	539 Students	
Principal	Phillip Mickles	803-415-8555
Superintendent	Richard E. Moore	803-286-6972
Board Chair	Robert Parker	803-286-6972

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Good
2009	Average	Average
2008	Below Average	Below Average

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

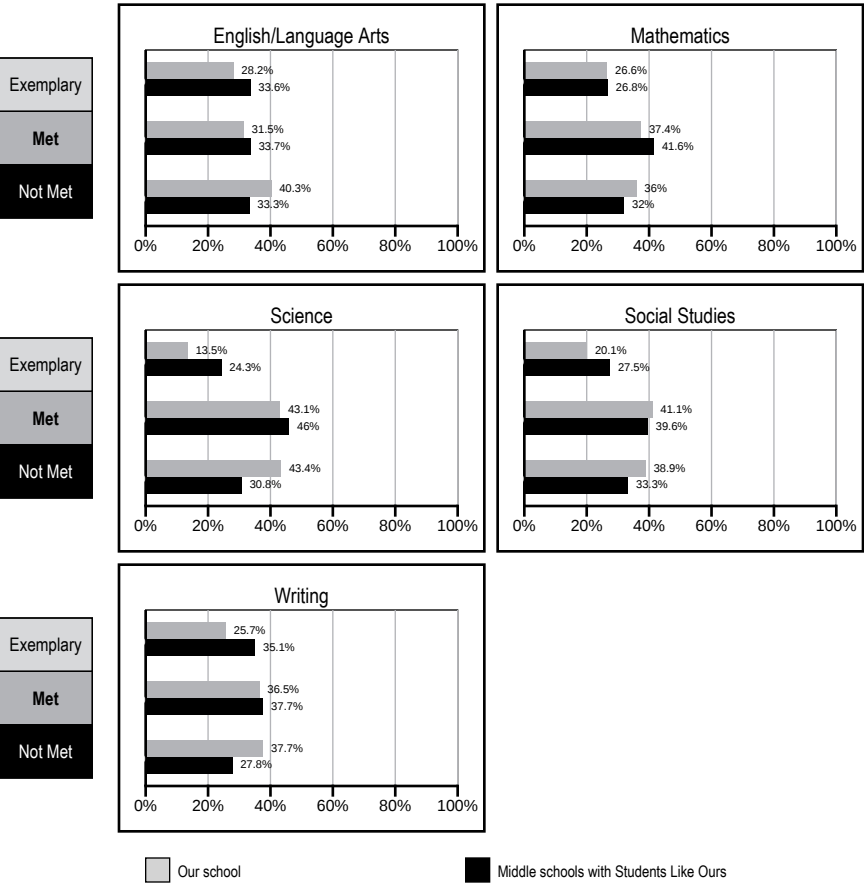
96%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
6	10	43	4	2

* 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	91.9%	96.6%
English 1	N/A	96.5%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	91.9%	96.5%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=539)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	37.0%	Up from 29.2%	21.7%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.7%	Up from 0.4%	0.8%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.6%	95.9%	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	0.6%	Down from 4.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.4%	Down from 61.8%	60.0%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	80.0%	Up from 79.0%	87.0%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	93.3%	Down from 94.6%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,447	Down 2.2%	\$46,483	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	8.2 days	Up from 7.8 days	10.0 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.4 to 1	Up from 19.2 to 1	21.7 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 88.1%	89.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	38.3%	Down from 39.9%	98.6%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,002	Down 10.7%	\$7,120	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.3%	Up from 64.3%	62.5%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.1%	Up from 62.5%	60.8%	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

Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, Aaron Riley Rucker Middle School focused on continued school improvement. We had many highlights during this school term. We received the coveted Palmetto Silver award for general performance from the State of South Carolina Department of Education. Palmetto Gold or Silver is presented to schools throughout the state for attaining high levels of absolute performance. We were able to achieve Palmetto Silver by continuing to focus on implementing differentiated instruction for all of our students.

The successful addition of our single-gender classes in 8th grade brought about a better school environment too. The sustained implementation of our International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Programme and focus on the process of being an Exemplary Writing School helped drive our instruction. More importantly, students discovered how their unique talents, when developed, become pipelines for future careers.

Teachers, administrators, counselors, and all other staff members worked together to create an environment that leads to success. We concentrated on learning activities designed to address multiple learning styles and achievement or developmental levels. Although there is still plenty of room for improvement and much work remains to be done, the positive trends in achievement for our students give us greater confidence and serve as a motivating factor to stay the course in our commitment to continuous improvement.

Philip Mickles, Principal
Allison Teschke, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	158	145
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.8%	79.6%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.8%	85.1%	79.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.7%	86.5%	80.3%

* 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	71.4
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

A. R. Rucker Middle 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	8.2%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.4%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.9%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 6-8						
All Students	631.7	638.9	608.8	619.6	99.6	99.6
Male	628.0	637.3	612.9	618.7	99.7	99.7
Female	636.1	640.8	603.7	620.5	99.6	99.6
White	654.8	660.1	634.1	641.7	100.0	100.0
African American	614.3	621.0	590.6	601.4	99.3	99.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	584.5	593.1	572.8	583.9	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	616.5	624.9	596.2	604.4	100.0	100.0
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
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	173	98.3	40.9	31.4	27.7	59.1
	7	180	98.9	43.3	31.7	25	56.7
	8	176	98.3	33.8	39.5	26.8	66.2
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	180	100	43.6	27.3	29.1	56.4
	7	170	99.4	37.3	33.3	29.4	62.7
	8	184	99.5	41.4	33.1	25.4	58.6
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	173	98.3	32.1	39	28.9	67.9
	7	180	98.9	34.8	37.2	28	65.2
	8	176	98.3	38.2	47.8	14	61.8
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	180	100	27.3	37.2	35.5	72.7
	7	170	99.4	35.3	36.6	28.1	64.7
	8	184	99.5	47.3	37.3	15.4	52.7
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	82	100	37.3	49.3	13.3	62.7
	7	180	98.9	37.2	45.7	17.1	62.8
	8	87	100	38.5	37.2	24.4	61.5
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	92	100	50.6	44.9	4.5	49.4
	7	170	99.4	43.8	42.5	13.7	56.2
	8	96	100	38.9	40	21.1	61.1

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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	91	96.7	31	46.4	22.6	69
	7	180	98.9	47.6	29.3	23.2	52.4
	8	87	98.9	32.9	39.2	27.8	67.1
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	88	100	20.5	50.6	28.9	79.5
	7	170	99.4	51	36.6	12.4	49
	8	87	100	35.4	39.2	25.3	64.6

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	178	99.4	41.5	37.7	20.8	58.5
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	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	183	98.4	37.7	36.5	25.7	62.3

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