SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Laing Middle School of Science and Technology
Charleston County School District
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 603**
Principal: Deborah G. Price
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mr. Chris Fraser

PERFORMANCE

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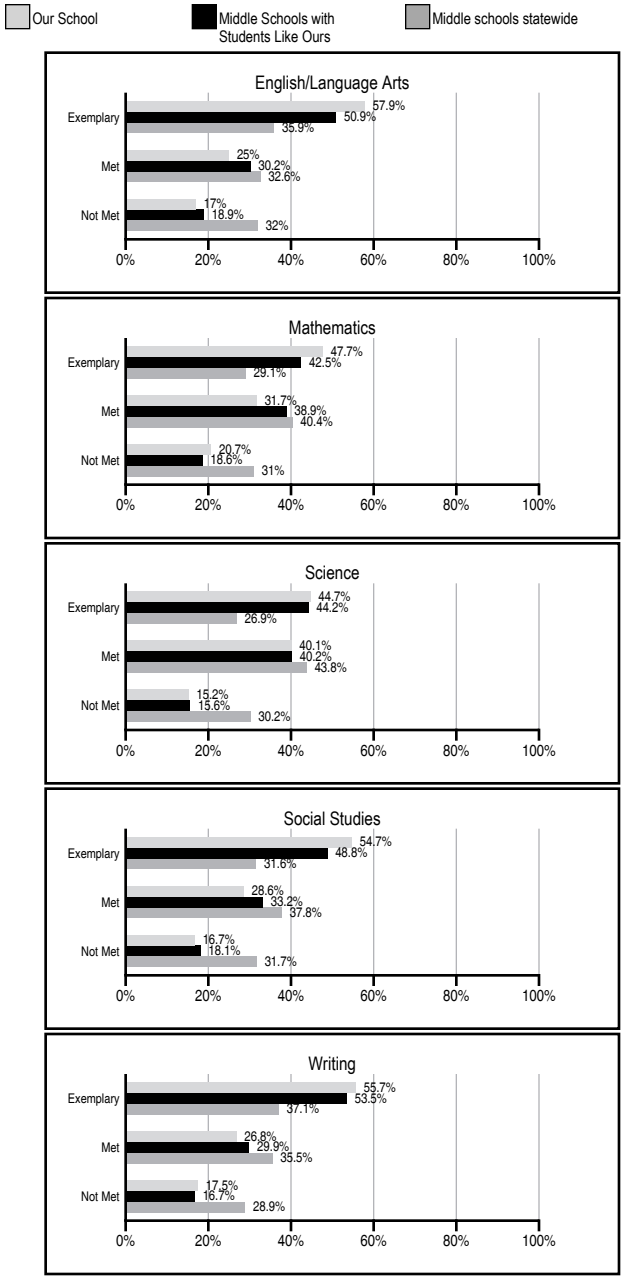
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

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

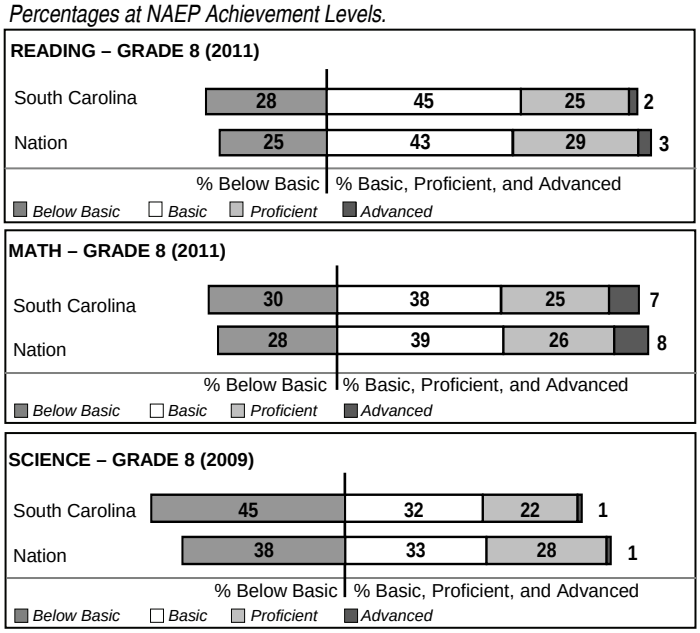
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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 - 2012

% 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	99.7
English 1	100.0	99.4
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	99.6

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=603)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	49.3%	Down from 61.1%	37.0%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.6%	0.3%	0.8%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 96.9%	96.8%	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	9.5%	Up from 5.3%	0.8%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.1%	Up from 50.0%	71.0%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	84.9%	Down from 87.9%	88.0%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	98.4%	Up from 97.4%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$44,387	Up 0.9%	$48,990	$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.6%	Up from 1.9%	4.0%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Up from 7.9 days	8.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	12.5 to 1	Down from 28.8 to 1	24.8 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.7%	Up from 94.2%	91.4%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 89.8%	99.8%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,305	Up 8.2%	$6,041	$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.2%	Down from 61.2%	64.2%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.0%	Down from 57.9%	63.2%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	81.5	N/A	94.3	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	176	95
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%	65.9%	83.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.4%	71.7%	76.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.0%	82.5%	82.4%

*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

Laing Middle School of Science and Technology (LMSST) is one of three middle schools in the town of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. However, it is the only partial magnet middle school in the area. Our student population of approximately 600 is enrolled in grades 6-8. LMSST has established a tradition of excellence that is not only evident throughout all areas of our school, but is also recognized as a school that provides top-notch education for all students. We offer non-traditional courses such as pre-engineering, robotics, bio-medicine, video production, zoology, inquiry, environmental science, forensics and marine science in a middle school environment. Our students also have the opportunity to earn Carnegie units for high school credit in keyboarding, computer applications, Spanish I, Algebra I, English I and Geometry.

Laing Middle School of Science and Technology's successes are not limited to classroom performance. Our students excel in extracurricular activities, basketball, tennis, volleyball, football, softball and soccer. Many of our athletic teams regularly compete for regional and state championships. Students participate on the math team, Lego League, academic teams, and the Regional, State, and National History Day competitions. Our Student Council program is very active and is comprised of students from all three grade levels. Students in our fine arts program, and orchestra, participate competitively in regional and state competitions and share the skills that they have honed in various venues. Poetry Alive, creative writing competitions, and yearbook afford our students other areas to demonstrate excellence and creativity. Students choose from a list of thirty or more clubs to choose to participate. Clubs encourage socialization and helps build character among our students.

A key factor in LMSST's success is the fantastic faculty. Our staff has embraced the mantra that "failure is not an option." Every child is encouraged to perform to his or her highest potential. Each teacher has a vested interest in our students. This is evident because every teacher serves as an advisor for a group of students. The advisory teacher loops with the students each year until they leave for high school. This model insures that every child has a significant adult to talk to and depend on for guidance.

The real focus of our school is best described in our mission statement. "The mission of Laing Middle School of Science and Technology is to make certain that all eighth grade students leave with the knowledge and skills to be successful and competitive in a college preparatory curriculum and to ensure that they have a plan of study that will allow them to complete high school and prepare for future education and careers."

Deborah Graham Price, Ed.S., Principal David Bourque, SIC Chairperson

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NI Newly Identified **CSI** Continuing School Improvement **CA** Corrective Action **RP** Plan to Restructure **R** Restructure **DELAY** School Improvement Status **HOLD** School Improvement Status