

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Darlington Middle School
Darlington County School District
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 1,107**
Principal: Carlita S. Davis
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey Knight
Board Chair: Charles Govan

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	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	A	Reward
2011	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

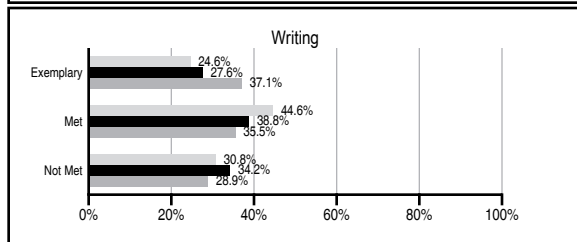
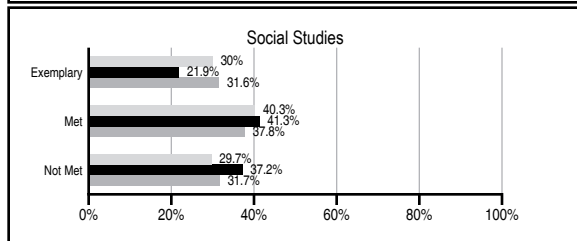
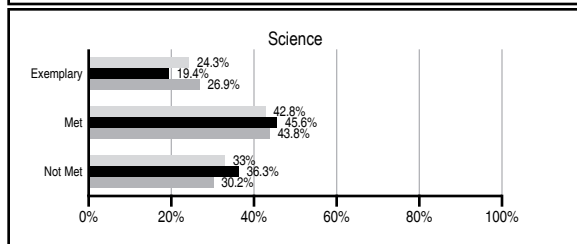
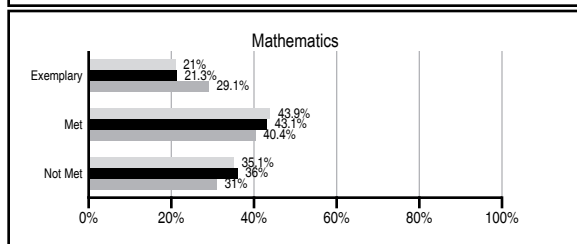
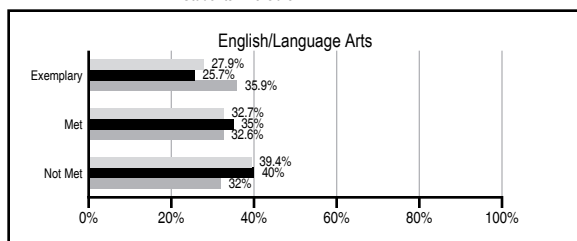
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	39	7	3

* 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.

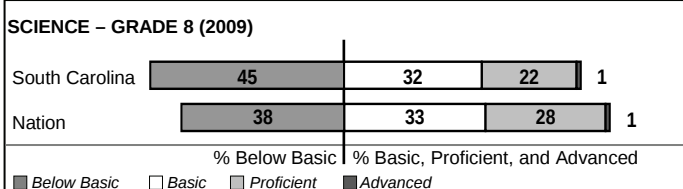
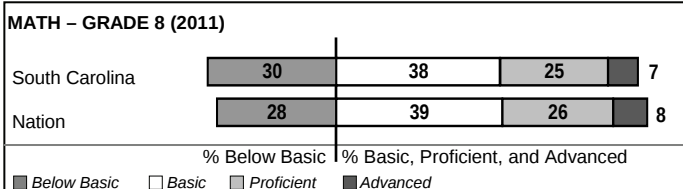
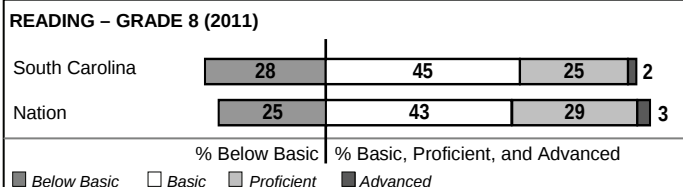
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



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	97.3	96.3
English 1	97.8	88.6
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.6	95.7

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=1,107)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	12.6%	Up from 12.0%	19.1%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.9%	Down from 1.2%	1.0%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.1%	95.8%	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	0.5%	No Change	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.5%	Up from 41.3%	60.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	84.3%	Down from 86.3%	84.9%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 95.8%	94.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,514	Down 0.3%	\$45,702	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.8%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.8 days	Up from 13.5 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/R	21.9 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.3%	Up from 90.3%	89.2%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	88.5%	Down from 92.8%	98.0%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,898	Down 7.4%	\$7,676	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Down from 61.1%	62.4%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.6%	Down from 59.2%	58.6%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	92.8	N/A	84.1	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

The administrators, teachers and staff of Darlington Middle School, and I want to thank you for an outstanding school year! We also want to thank you for your continued encouragement. Our goal, for this school year and the coming year is "To nurture and motivate students by creating real-world and hands-on experiences that enhance and expand their lives." We want our students to excel above and beyond what is expected. We ask for continued support to join us as we work with your child so that he/she can "make the connection" between the importance of education and success. Each child must see the real need to work hard in and out of class, while preparing for their career interests. Middle School is the step in which your child develops life-long habits. We need continued assistance in working with us as we prepare him/her to compete in this ever-changing world. We want our community to be proud of the children who attends Darlington Middle School. We also want to share that pride with you. Together, we will make a difference in the lives of our young people. Many accomplishments were made this year that we are extremely proud of. They are as follows: Our single-gender initiative High School Course Offerings Our LEGO League regional winners Our 11 state recognized Junior Scholars Our 17 Duke Tip Qualifiers Our continuously growing band and art programs Regional Championship Boys' Basketball Team The team concept throughout the building 97% Passing Rate - English End-of-Course Exam 100% Passing Rate - Algebra End-of-Course Exam 19 Perfects scores of 100 on End-of-Course Exams Increased parent support is always welcomed at Darlington Middle School. With this in mind, we have established a parenting center with a coordinator. We extend a personal invitation to all parents, businesses, and community partners to join us in the continued and endless efforts to improve the overall performance and properly prepare our youth for the future through the educational process.

Carlita S. Davis, Principal
Dorothy Thompson, School Improvement Council

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	55	289	76
Percent satisfied with learning environment	79.6%	71.1%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.0%	74.8%	82.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	61.1%	82.4%	72.4%

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

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