SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Paul Knox Middle School
AIKEN COUNTY
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 675**
Principal: Kyle Smith
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English

PERFORMANCE

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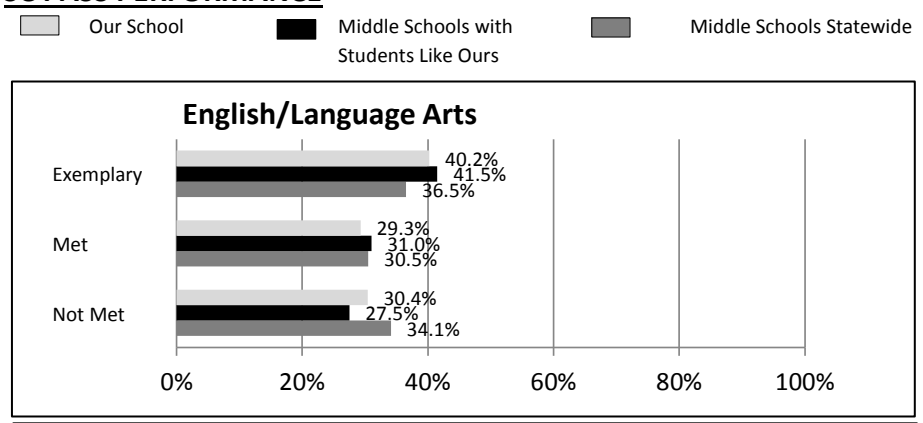
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	B	Focus
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	D	Focus
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	B	Focus

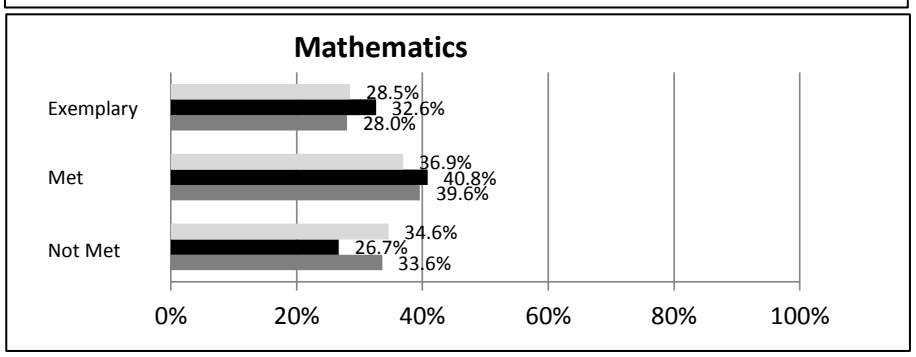
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

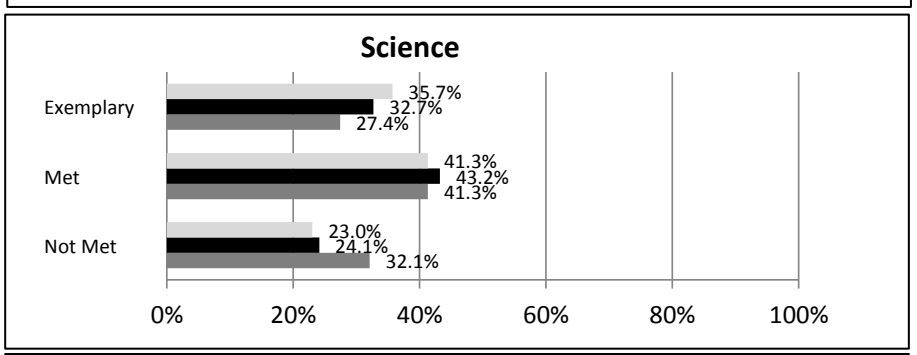
EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	19	16	1	0

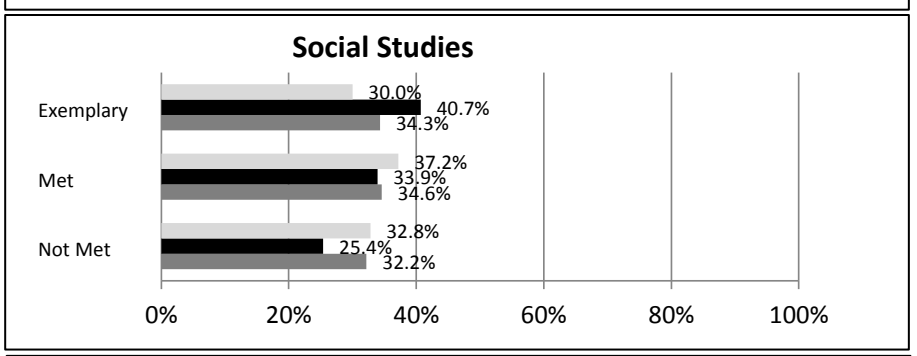
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

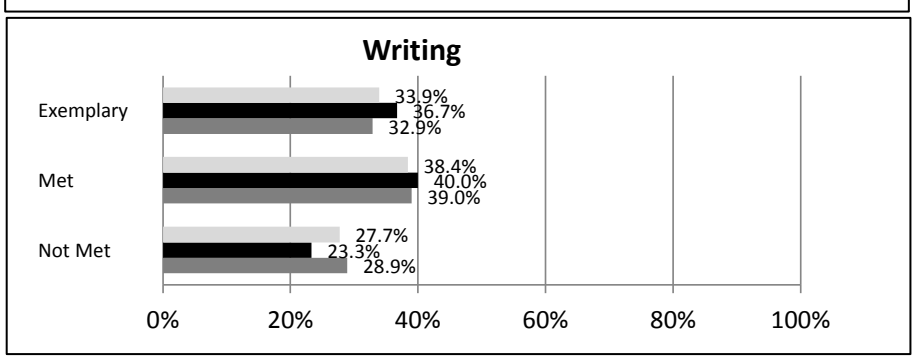
SC PASS PERFORMANCE





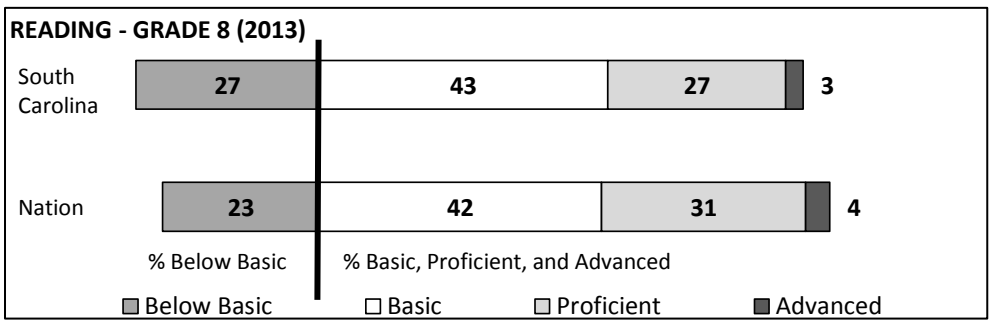


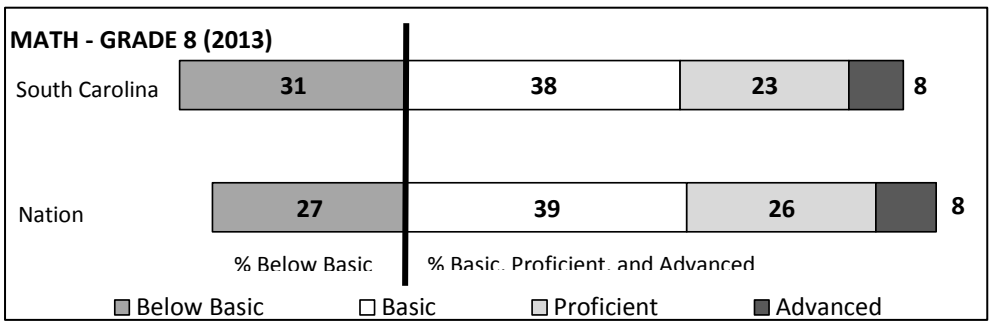


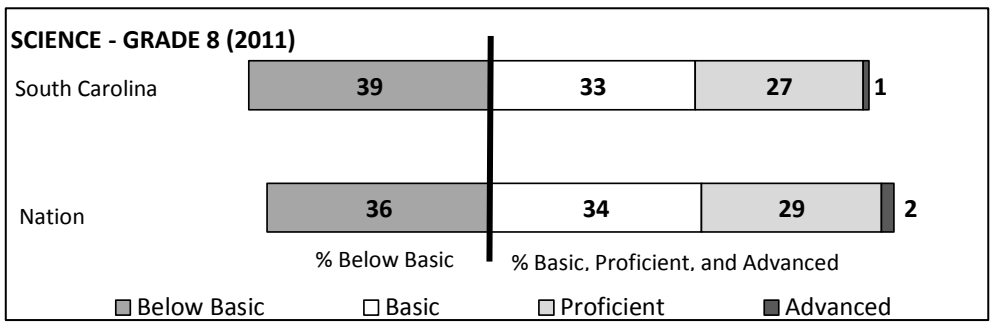


NAEP*

**Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.*







END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% 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%	97.9%
English 1	100.0%	96.3%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	97.6%

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 Schools
Students (n = 675)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	40.1%	Down from 44.4%	32.6%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No change	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.5%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.7%	Up from 19.6%	21.5%	19.4%
With disabilities	10.1%	Down from 11.2%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	Down from 6.1%	4.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.7%	Up from 45.9%	64.4%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	Up from 64.9%	79.6%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.7%	Down from 88.8%	87.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	98.4%	Down from 98.7%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$46,671	Up 0.1%	$48,056	$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	2.5%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	7.2 days	No change	10.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.9 to 1	Down from 28.8 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.2%	Down from 93.5%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 78.0%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$5,564	Down 12.3%	$7,094	$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.1%	Down from 65.0%	62.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	No change	61.2%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	81.4	Up from 65.6	82.9	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	124	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.5%	83.8%	91.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.5%	74.4%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	86.2%	80.4%

*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

Paul Knox Middle School is home to approximately 675 students in grades 6-8 in North Augusta, SC. Our school is traditionally noted as one of the premiere schools in Aiken County and this year was no exception. Our students once performed at high levels in both academic and extra-curricular affairs throughout the year. Academically, our students performed well on End of Course testing and our PASS testing results indicated strong results in several areas but improvement is needed in others. Continuous improvement is always the expectation at Paul Knox Middle School and proper adjustments will be made to see growth in all academic areas.

Paul Knox's mission statement stresses the education of each student and the preparation for high school. Our vision is to provide an outstanding environment where students can become successful members of our global society. This vision requires Paul Knox Middle School to constantly strive to provide our students with additional support. This year, we created enrichment classes to provide additional academic support in our core curriculum classes. We also hired math and ELA tutors to provide support for our students who needed the additional assistance.

With assistance from Public Education Partners and an array of local business and individual supporters, Paul Knox Middle School opened the synergistic lab this year. The synergistic lab is a wonderful facility designed to integrate science knowledge with hands-on activities. The lab is a great addition as we continue to focus on science, technology, engineering and math at Paul Knox Middle School.

In other areas of success:

25 students were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars.
36 students qualified for the DUKE TIP program.
24 students were selected for the Aiken county band.
8 students were selected for the All-Region band.
25 students were selected for the Aiken county choir.
100% of our 8th graders passed the Algebra 1 End of Course exams.
100% of our 8th graders passed the English 1 End of Course exams.
116 new students were inducted into our BETA Club.
Our academic team was undefeated and won the Aiken County championship.
Our Future City team placed 1st in Aiken County and 2nd in regional competition.
Our volleyball team completed an undefeated regular season with a record of 12-0.
Our football team completed the season with a 4-3 record.
Our boys' basketball team won the division championship and completed the season with a 12-3 record.
Our girls' basketball team completed the season with a 9-4 record.
Our golf team completed the season with a 6-1 record and a division championship.

As we conclude another successful year, our vision for continued excellence remains.

Kyle A. Smith, Principal
Jane Thornton, School Improvement Council Chair