



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Newberry Middle School**  
**NEWBERRY COUNTY**  
**Grades: 6-8** Enrollment: 650  
**Principal: Kelli P. Farmer**  
**Superintendent: Bennie Bennett**  
**Board Chair: Jody Hamm**

## 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	C	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	A	N/A

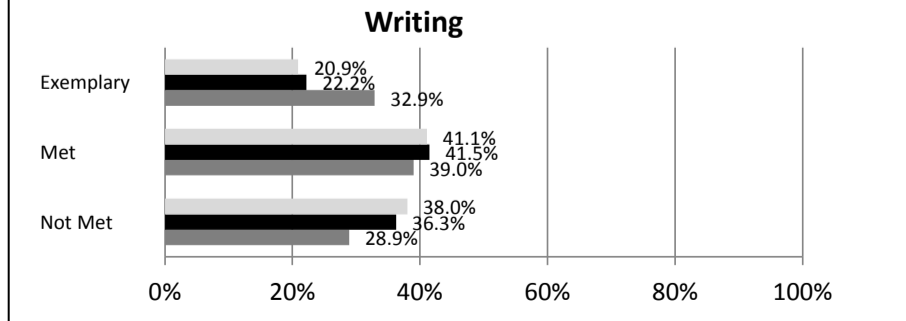
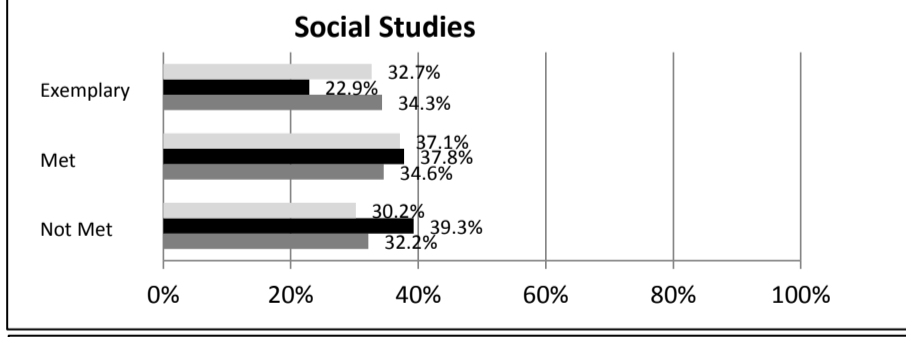
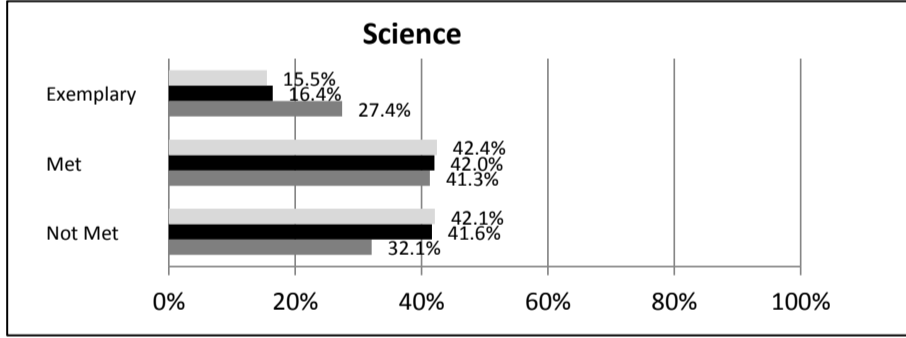
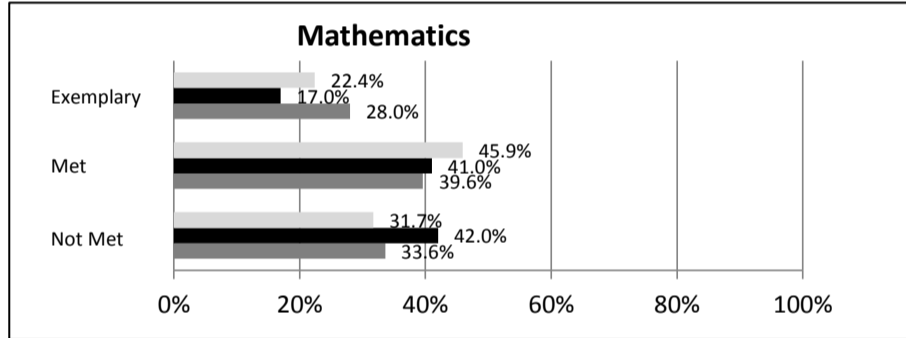
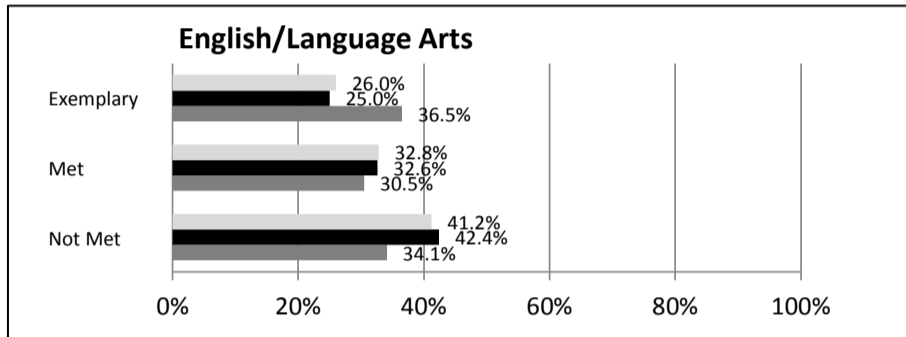
### ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	42	15	1

\* 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

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle Schools Statewide



### 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%	96.3%
English 1	100.0%	93.8%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	95.8%

### 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
<b>Students (n = 650)</b>				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	21.2%	Down from 22.4%	18.4%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.5%	Up from 0.3%	1.0%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.8%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.7%	No change	13.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	12.2%	Up from 11.4%	14.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.2%	Down from 6.4%	5.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.2%	Up from 1.3%	0.9%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 47)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.2%	Up from 62.5%	57.6%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	80.9%	Up from 75.0%	70.4%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 88.7%	83.0%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.3%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,378	Up 0.2%	\$46,562	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	6.8%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	17.3 days	Up from 11.2 days	11.5 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 20.6 to 1	19.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 89.5%	89.7%	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 99.3%	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,241	Up 8.9%	\$8,294	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Up from 65.0%	60.3%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.1%	Up from 64.0%	58.9%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	73.7	Down from 78.3	67.7	77.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	51	171	74
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.2%	79.5%	94.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0%	81.4%	83.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	76.0%	89.4%	68.0%

\*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**

NMS continued to uphold a standard and expectation of excellence. All decisions and actions were based upon our motto, "Whatever it takes, our kids are worth it". Our school did not accept excuses for any socio-economic challenges, so we proudly continued to see success in the classroom, the arts, athletics, and the community. [?]

[?] Forming positive family and community relationships continued to be a top priority. We accomplished this through partnerships with Be Great Academy, Book It Readers, Making Middle Grades Work, Community Readers, Newberry Sheriff's Department, Newberry Opera House, Operation Get Smart, and Newberry College/RETAIN program. We held the following activities for students/families: Literacy Fair, Math Carnival, 6th grade Transition Night, Mr./Ms. NMS pageants, nursing home visits, Veterans Day program, NMS Talent Show, Career Day, cultural events, Breakfast with the Principal, monthly PTO meetings, and No Name Calling Week events. NMS began a mentor/mentee program that paired students with an adult in our own building. [?]

[?] We experienced success in the classroom by promoting weekly content collaboration meetings with teachers. Math and ELA teachers attended monthly professional development as we incorporated Common Core standards. Each nine weeks, our students participated in goal setting and data analysis through individual student data folders. NMS offered morning, afternoon, and lunch-time tutoring, and our 6th grade students enjoyed our Breakfast Library while awaiting the start of school. NMS became a phase I STEM school, incorporating PLTW curriculum through our Gateway to Technology classes. We utilized both math and ELA enrichment computer labs for students that needed extra practice in these content areas. All classes incorporated literacy, interactive technology, and differentiated instruction. Students had access to 7 computer labs and 2 mobile computer labs as well as 3 science labs with science kits. [?]

[?] We experienced success on the athletic field. NMS had two undefeated teams, our girls' basketball team and our 7th grade football team. All athletic teams boasted winning seasons. Character education was infused in our team practices. [?]

[?] Our chorus and band programs received excellent ratings and continued to see growth in the programs. The community enjoyed a musical, two band concerts at the Newberry Opera House, and two chorus concerts at NMS. [?]

[?] We continued to give back to our community through United Way, Hoops for Heart, Relay for Life, and Manna House. NMS was named a Heart Healthy Work Place. [?]

[?] At NMS, we continue to live out our motto of "Whatever it takes, our kids ARE worth it"!

[?] Kelli P. Farmer, Principal Jerry Young, SIC Chairperson

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