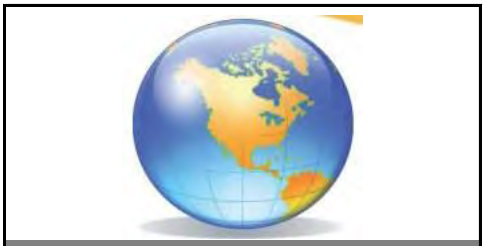
Hand Middle
2600 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29205



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	6-8 Middle	**Principal:**	Marisa P. Vickers
Enrollment:	884 students	**Superintendent:**	Dr. Craig A. Witherspoon
School Phone:	803-733-3432	**Board Chair:**	Cheryl Harris
School Website:	http://hand.richlandone.org/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by …

Hand Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing a transformational learning environment, incorporating real-world and authentic experiences into daily instruction.
Hand Middle School earned an Excellent report card rating from the State Department of Education, recognizing the stellar academic achievement of our students. With emphasis on our five A's (academics, attendance, arts, athletics, and a great attitude), Hand Middle School students receive personalized, standards-based instruction in all content areas. The Comprehensive Remediation Program, Edgenuity, Read180, System 44, and reading and math support classes provide content-specific support and personalized interventions.
Hand Middle School offers rigorous Spanish and Latin electives for high school credit. For the past three years, our students have also had the opportunity to travel to London, Paris, Rome, and Costa Rica. Through international travel our students are immersed in the language while studying the history, art, and literature of other cultures.
Hand Middle School's 100% highly qualified teachers continue to exhibit leadership through personal and professional commitment to excellence. A Hand teacher was accepted into the prestigious and highly competitive Oxford campus of the Bread Loaf School of English. During a six-week study in England, the teacher collaborated with a small community of educators from around the world to interpret literary and critical texts. The Richland One Teacher of the Year is a Hand Middle School math teacher and the coach of our award winning math and SC Stock Market game teams. A seventh grade social studies teacher is the SC Bar Association as the SC Law-Related Educator of the Year and the coach of our award winning Mock Trial team.
All Algebra I students passed the End of Course (EOC) with an A average. Model UN student delegates simulated diplomacy through intense research-based international relations. Hand supplements its already rich arts curriculum with over $5000 in grants from the SC Arts Commission as it continues to enhance the arts experiences of all students. The digital learning environment has propelled our students into the 21st Century as we prepare for our one to one laptop initiative this school year. To support this effort, the PTO and Hand Foundation Gala proceeds support school technology needs. Life and Career characteristic necessary for the 21st Century are emphasized in our school-wide month long study of Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens.
Hand Middle looks forward to our continued success.
Marisa Vickers, Principal
Dr. Falicia Harvey, SIC Chair

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing

ENGLISH

Hand Middle	373	232	168	37	74.6%
Richland School District One	2,908	3,086	2,958	1,034	60.0%
Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	234	193	109	37	74.1%
Statewide	112,368	105,684	78,337	24,733	67.9%
School: Grade 6	113	71	63	11	71.3%
School: Grade 7	127	86	55	13	75.8%
School: Grade 8	133	75	50	13	76.8%

READING

Hand Middle	156	258	211	184	51.2%
Richland School District One	1,119	1,859	2,580	4,071	30.9%
Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	82	177	170	146	44.1%
Statewide	41,271	75,070	87,991	108,107	37.2%
School: Grade 6	57	62	71	67	46.3%
School: Grade 7	41	96	83	61	48.8%
School: Grade 8	58	100	57	56	58.3%

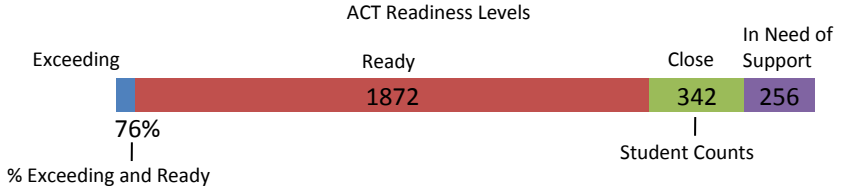
MATHEMATICS

Hand Middle	240	174	220	175	51.2%
Richland School District One	1,345	2,335	3,898	2,423	36.7%
Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	112	145	186	131	45.0%
Statewide	59,092	90,980	114,023	57,428	46.7%
School: Grade 6	93	69	68	27	63.0%
School: Grade 7	56	70	94	61	44.8%
School: Grade 8	91	35	58	87	46.5%

WRITING

Hand Middle	30	266	372	125	37.3%
Richland School District One	135	1,932	4,889	2,395	22.1%
Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	15	166	281	103	31.6%
Statewide	5,426	68,628	165,272	64,594	24.4%
School: Grade 6	11	82	117	38	37.5%
School: Grade 7		103	133	40	37.8%
School: Grade 8	17	81	122	47	36.7%

Results for groups with 4 or fewer students are not shown

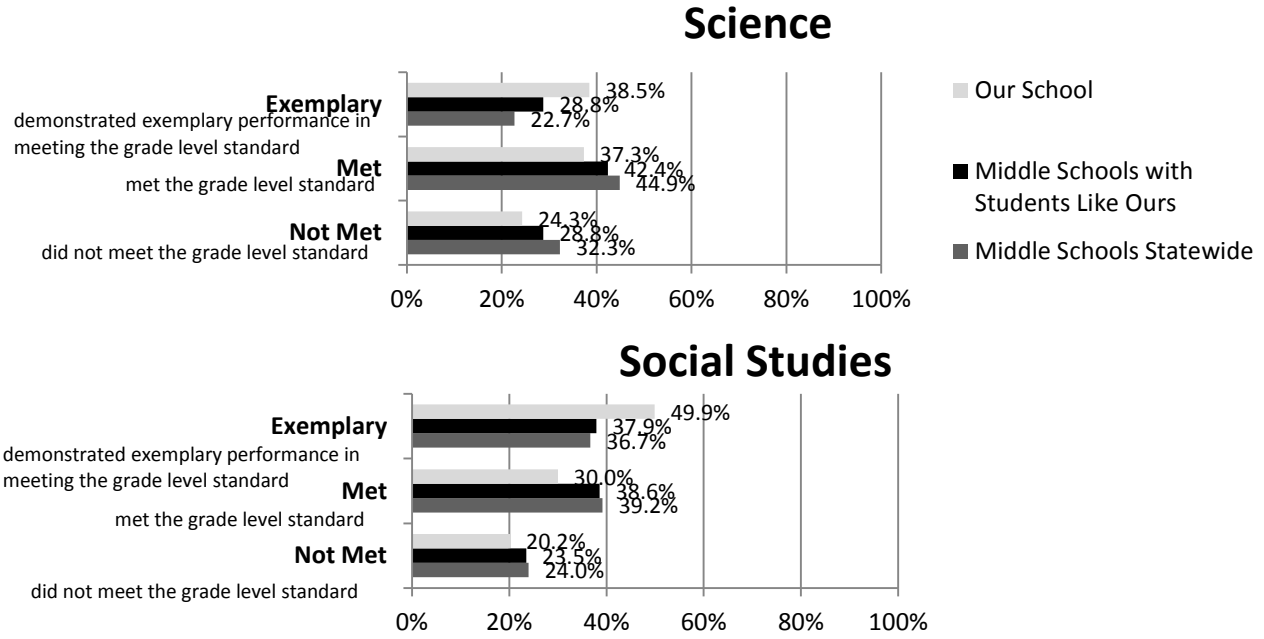


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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.



Science SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
71.2	79.3	76.4
Social Studies SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
79.4	76.8	83.4

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	**"Exemplary"**: student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	**"Met"**: student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	**"Not Met"**: student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests		
Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	**Our School**	**Middle Schools with Students Like Ours**
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	98.1
English 1	N/A	96.8
Biology 1	0.0	65.1
US History and the Constitution	N/A	64.9
All Subjects	99.1	97.4

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.

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 884)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	60.8	Down from 63.6%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	51.2	Down from 59.7%	26.2
Attendance Rate	96.6	Down from 96.8%	95.9
With disabilities	13.7	Up from 13.5%	12.2
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5	Down from 0.7%	0.5
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	38.7	Down from 40.4%	23.7
Percentage of students retained	0.4	Up from 0.3%	0.6
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 62)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	64.5	Up from 60.0%	64.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	59.7	Down from 65.0%	77.6
Teachers returning from previous year	88.2	Down from 89.2%	86.1
Teacher attendance rate	93.7	Down from 95.9%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	$50,603	Up 0.9%	$47,107
Professional development days / teacher	12.0 days	Up from 10.1 days	10.6 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5
School			
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Down from 21.9 to 1	22.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8	Down from 91.6%	89.2
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 96.2%	99.8
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	11.0	N/A	13.6
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	18.3	N/A	20.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.6	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.1	N/C	1.8
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	Down from 1.5%	2.1
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,731	Up 1.3%	$7,434
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.6	Up from 71.3%	62.1
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	73.0	Up from 71.7%	64.0

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	59	260	82
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.3	80.0	93.9
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3	74.7	89.2
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.0	90.5	82.2

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

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Excellent

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards
2014-15 Accountability Manual
Report Card Data Files
ESEA Data Files

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