



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sanders Middle School
 Laurens School District 55
 Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 382
 Principal: George M. Ward
 Superintendent: Dr. Billy R. Strickland
 Board Chair: Rev. Charlie Short

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	N/A
2011	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

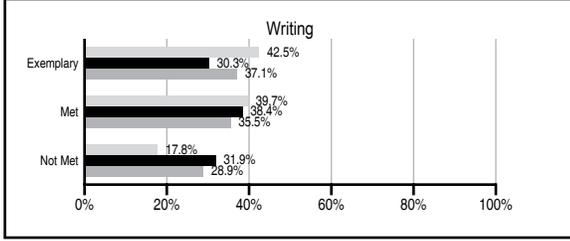
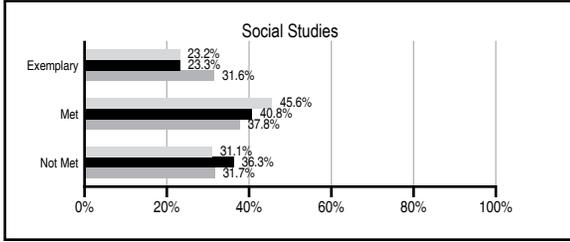
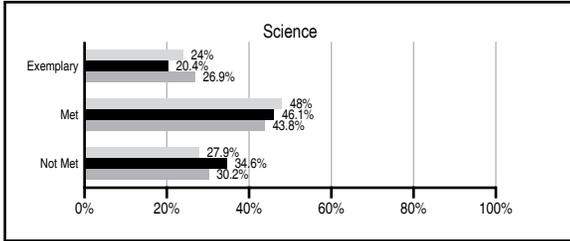
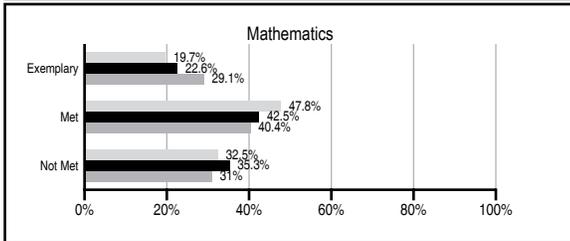
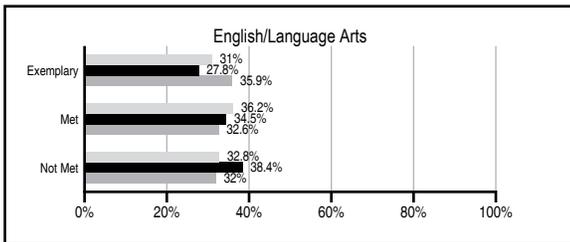
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	4	44	6	2

* 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.

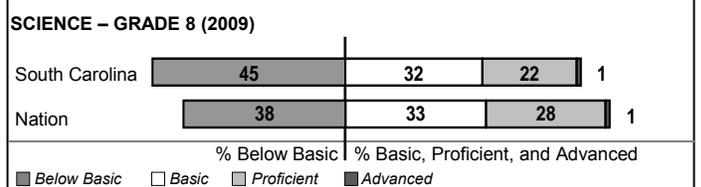
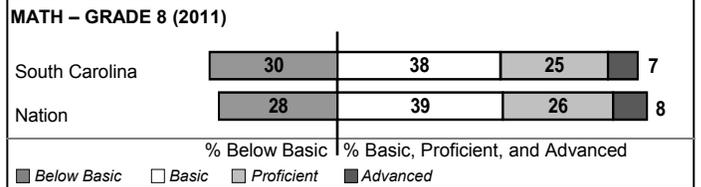
PASS PERFORMANCE

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	100.0	95.5
English 1	100.0	91.7
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	95.5

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.

Abbreviations Key

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Sanders Middle School [Laurens School District 55]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=382)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	13.6%	Down from 27.9%	19.6%	22.9%
Retention rate	3.1%	Up from 0.3%	0.9%	0.8%
Attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.1%	96.0%	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	1.0%	Down from 1.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 65.2%	60.6%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	86.3%	Up from 82.5%	84.5%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.9%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,452	Down 0.6%	\$45,702	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.1%	1.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.3 days	Down from 14.2 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.4 to 1	Down from 21.1 to 1	21.9 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 90.7%	89.4%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.2%	Up from 99.1%	98.0%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,735	Down 2.9%	\$7,293	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.2%	Up from 67.3%	62.3%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.2%	Up from 65.8%	59.0%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	93.2	N/A	84.3	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Sanders Middle School This has been another exciting year at Sanders Middle School. We celebrated many accomplishments during the 2011-2012 school year. Our focus this past year was on growth of student achievement. We believe that we have made great progress towards achieving our school's vision: Sanders Middle will strive to provide all learners with opportunities to achieve academic and personal excellence. This year we utilized feedback from visiting organizations such as AdvanCED and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to make necessary changes in our school community. There was evidence that our changes resulted in positive outcomes. Our students showed excellent growth on the MAP scores throughout the year. Our Benchmark testing results not only showed growth, but these also helped to identify areas that needed improvements. This year three of our Seventh Grade students were recognized as Duke TIP Scholars. Laurens 55 School District had five of these winners. The 2011-2012 school year is the first year of our complete Montessori program. We now have Montessori classes in all three grade levels. It continues to be a strong program for Sanders. The number of students participating in the CHAMPS program continues to increase as well. This program is hosted by Presbyterian College. Once again, we had 100% of our students to pass the End of Course tests for Algebra 1 Honors and English 1 Honors for high school credit. We are very proud of the many accomplishments of our students this past year. Among those accomplishments is the District-wide Academic Bowl Team Championship. This was definitely a highlight of our year. In addition, both our Boys and Girls Basketball teams went undefeated to win conference championships. This was the year of the Champions for the Yellow Jackets of Sanders Middle School. A few other proud achievements worth mentioning include the fact that we now have interactive whiteboards in all classrooms. We also added document cameras to the technology inventory at Sanders. This year our students and staff achieved our annual school-wide reading challenge goal. Together, we recorded over 1 million pages read. In an effort to improve our home/school relationship, we partnered with our SIC and PTO for a "Parent Night." Parents came out to attend sessions hosted by teachers to help inform them about the many resources out there to help their students. We counted it a success in our first attempt. Next year it will be bigger and better. We are very pleased with this past year and excited about the upcoming year. Things are definitely looking up for Sanders Middle School.

Michelle Gibbs, School Improvement Council Chair;
George M. Ward, Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	135	54
Percent satisfied with learning environment	79.2%	89.6%	81.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.5%	88.7%	73.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	58.3%	91.0%	79.2%

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

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