



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwest Middle School
GREENVILLE COUNTY

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 792

Principal: Dr. David D. McDonald

Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster

Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

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	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	B	N/A

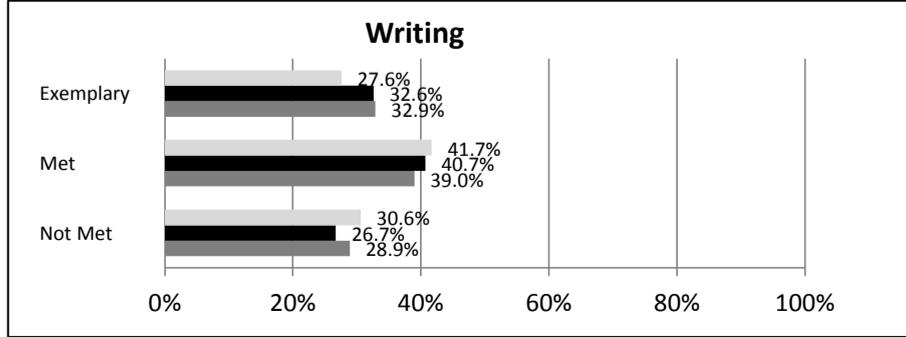
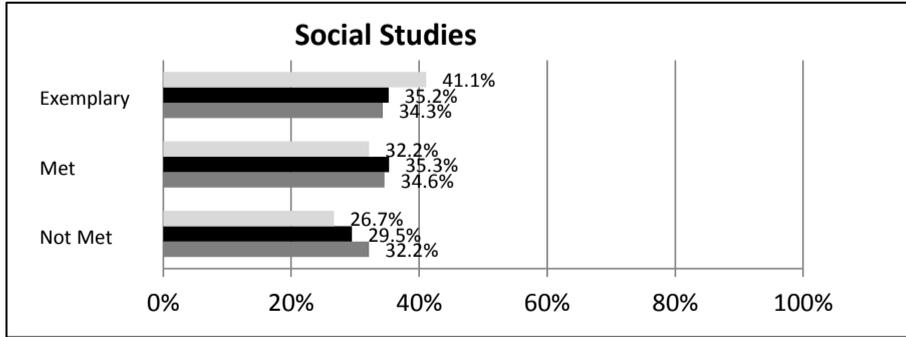
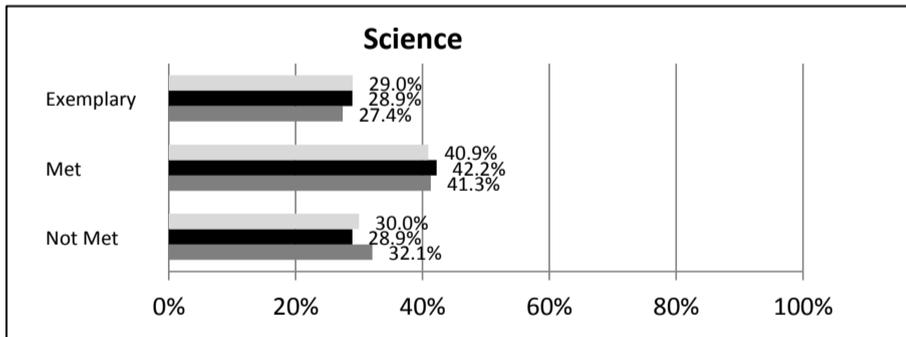
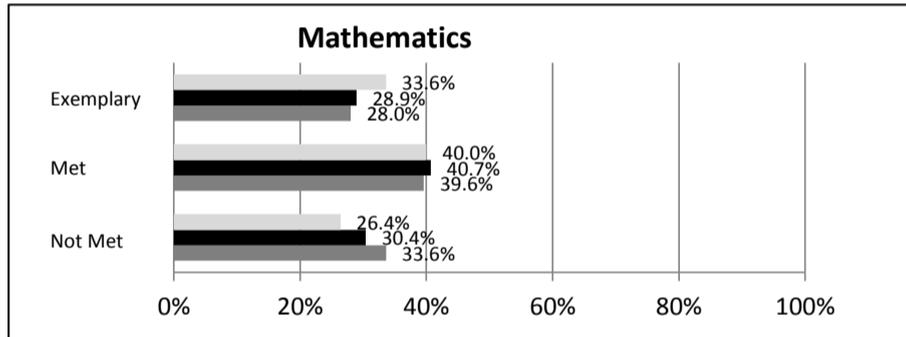
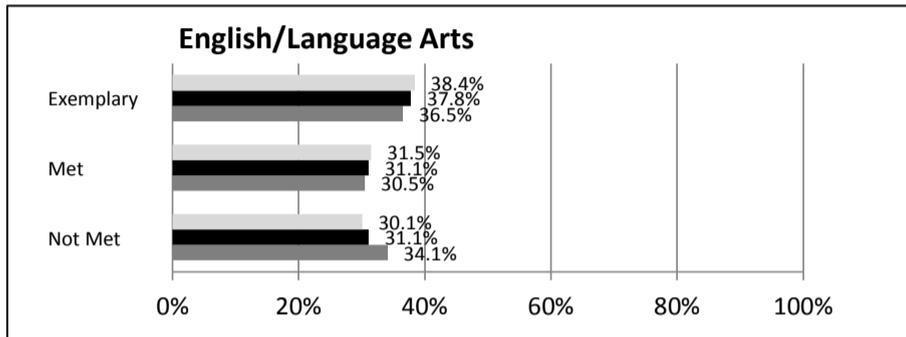
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	16	37	2	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.

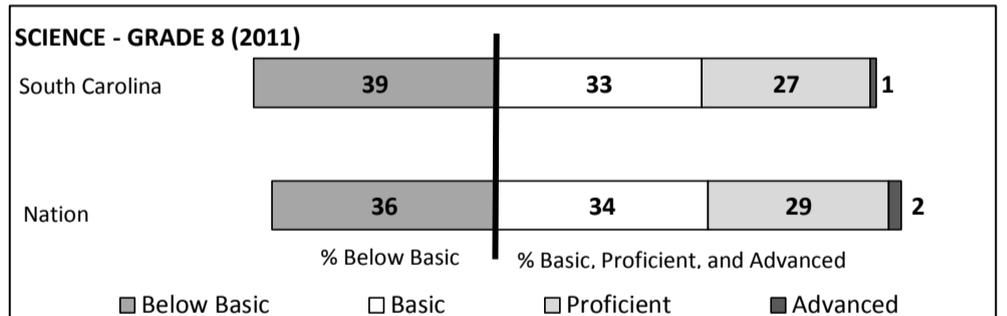
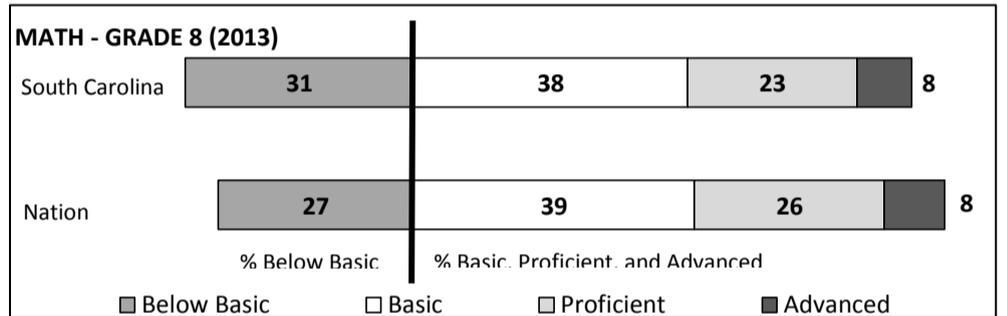
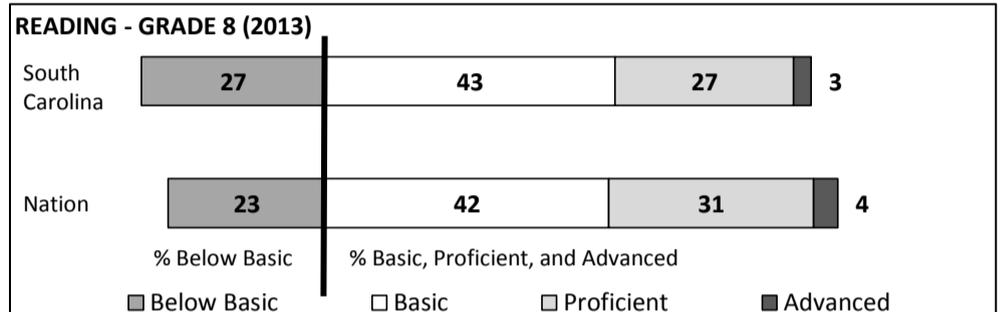
SC PASS PERFORMANCE

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%	98.5%
English 1	100.0%	95.8%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	98.1%

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 = 792)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	15.5%	Down from 18.0%	30.1%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.6%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 93.5%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.8%	Up from 17.1%	21.0%	19.4%
With disabilities	16.8%	Down from 17.7%	13.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	5.3%	Down from 6.8%	4.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.3%	Up from 1.6%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.2%	Down from 66.0%	61.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	69.4%	Down from 76.6%	79.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1%	Up from 86.7%	86.4%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Up from 92.8%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,615	Down 1.6%	\$48,012	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5%	Down from 1.4%	4.7%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Up from 7.4 days	11.2 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 11.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Down from 26.5 to 1	22.8 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Up from 85.4%	89.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.0%	Up from 97.3%	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,135	Up 5.1%	\$7,237	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.9%	Down from 61.0%	62.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.5%	Up from 60.0%	61.6%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	81.9	Down from 83.1	79.9	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	235	86
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	85.1%	86.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.4%	82.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.6%	87.6%	65.9%

*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

The 2013-2014 school year has proven to be one full of excitement and change for Northwest Middle School. Our school year began with a renewed approach to providing a middle school structure, increased focus on student achievement, and bold initiatives and goals aimed at advancing student growth and development. At NWMS we continue to focus on our efforts on creating a strong learning community working to support all student learners.

Over the course of the year, our school completed numerous projects to support student learning. These projects included a new school wide uniform discipline system, implementation of interdisciplinary teaming across the school, additional upgraded technology, extra help and tutoring opportunities, and much more. In December our school received a \$267,000 three year grant from the S.C. Department of Education Office of At-Risk Student Learners Office to implement new strategies to support student learning. The grant allowed our school to purchase over \$30,000 in new tablet technology, implement a new after school Panther Success Center, additional professional development learning opportunities for teachers, and resources to support community involvement in the school. Over the next two years, additional resources will be put in to classrooms including more technology, parent resources, expansion of the Panther Success Center, Saturday school, and more transition support activities for students.

In addition to our academic gains, our students continued to display success in other venues such as sports and arts. Students took part in painting new murals in our school, sports including baseball and basketball continued to earn district honors, the music programs earned high honors at various state and local competitions and festivals. Through a partnership with the Greenville Rotary Club, our school implemented the Early Act First Knight Character Education Program. This \$10,000 investment provided curriculum support and resources to introduce a new character education program focused on the teachings of the Knights of the Round Table.

NWMS students continued to support our community by donating over 1500 canned food items, donating nearly \$6000 to various causes, and supported fellow students through the Christmas giving fund, and continuing support of the Relay for Life.

Northwest Middle School continues to dedicate itself to providing a safe, secure learning environment where students can thrive and reach their potential.

Dr. David D. McDonald, Principal Sandra Larson, SIC Chairperson

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