

Ebenezer Middle School

3440 Ebenezer Road
Sumter, SC 29153



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:	Marlene De Wit
Enrollment:	353 students	Superintendent:	J. Frank Baker
School Phone:	803-469-8571	Board Chair:	Daryl McGhaney
School Website:	http://ems.sumterschools.net/		



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

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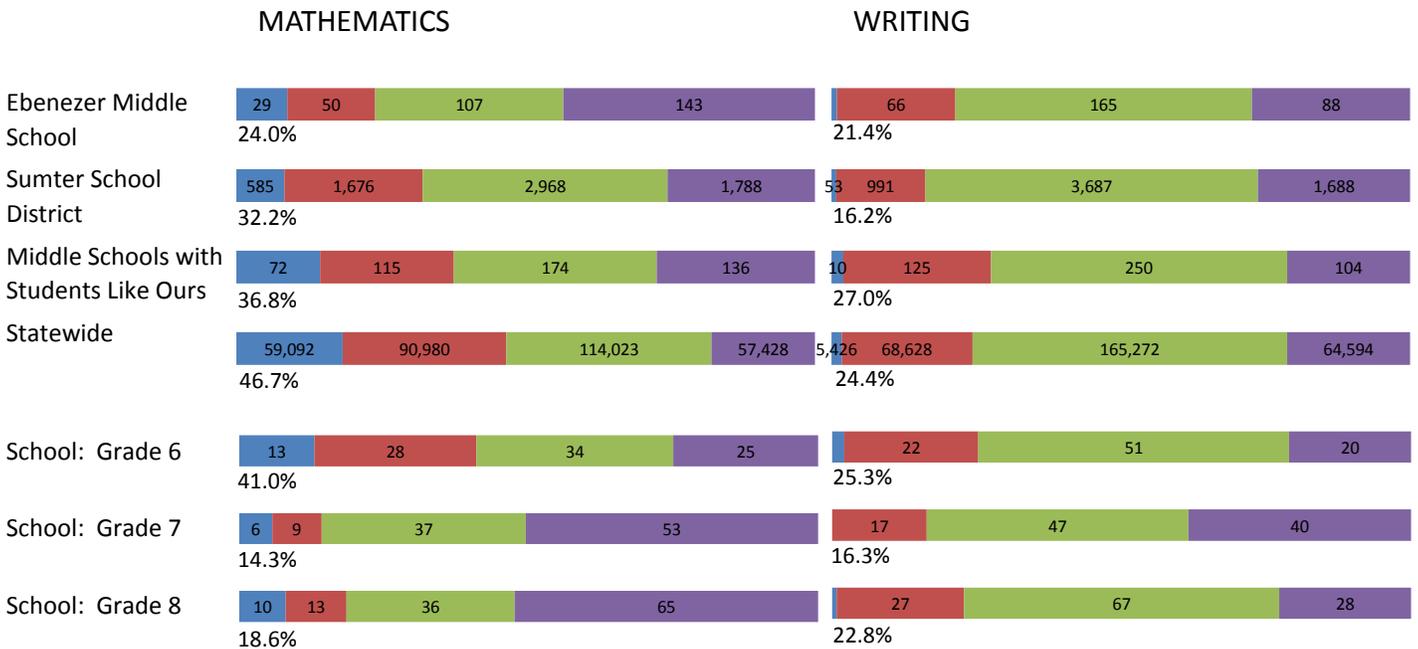
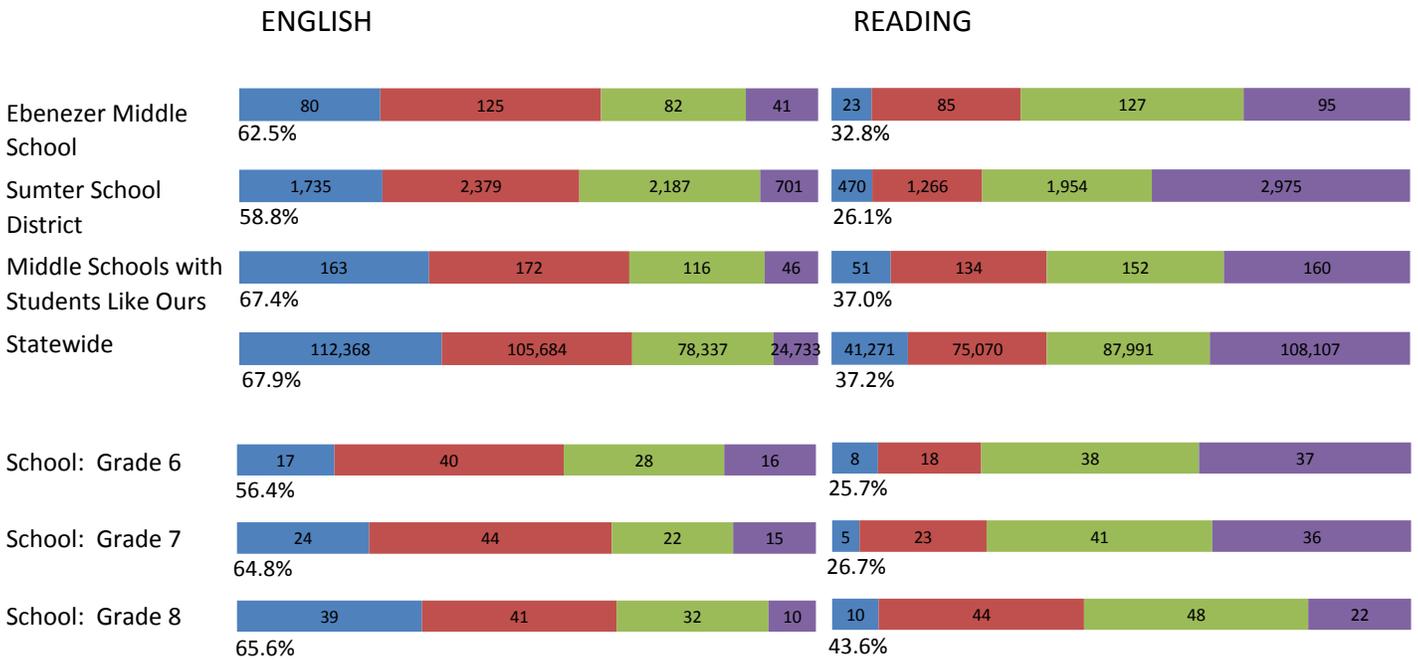
Ebenezer Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing an environment where students are taught critical thinking and problem solving skills in an academically challenging environment. Our faculty and staff live by our vision statement which is a school community where concern for students is the basis of all decisions. We are proud of our students and their accomplishments. An eighth grade student won 1st place in the middle school essay contest for the Daughters of the American Revolution. We also had an Ebenezer student win 2nd place in the Santee Lynches Region National Career Development Association Poetry Contest. 12 Students were recognized by the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce for the Golden Apple Citizenship Award. 22 Students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. We had 5 South Carolina Junior Scholars and 20 USC Sumter Junior Scholars. 100% of our Algebra I and English I high school credit students passed their end-of-course exams. Our large FBLA continued to have many student award winners. One of our students served as the FBLA Middle Level Representative for the State. For the fourth consecutive year, the Ebenezer FBLA won the National Go Green Award. As we continue to meet the challenges of improving student achievement, teachers and administrators recognize the need to stress active learning, academic rigor, and maintain our high expectations for student improvement. We continue to bring new strategies to the classroom through programs such as, Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW), Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), ALEKS, REFLEX MATH, READ 180, Differentiated Instruction, SCORE 21 and attendance at conferences for core subject information and on how to understand and teach the adolescent learner. Character Education is embedded in all of all courses and we have daily advisory classes. Beyond the classroom, students have had many opportunities to make an impact on the community. They have participated in raising funds for the American Heart Association, Relay for Life, and purchased items for and packed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Cookies were baked and cards were made for Shower Shaw with Cookies and the FBLA and National Junior Honor Society cleaned up Ebenezer Road. Ebenezer's National Junior Honor Society hosted its first Annual Grandparent's Luncheon and also hosted a volunteer luncheon later in the year.

Marlene De Wit Principal

Helen Hutto-Palka SIC Chairperson

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



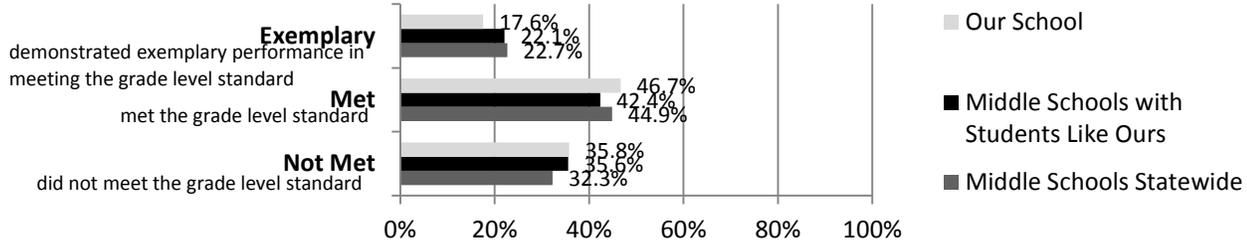
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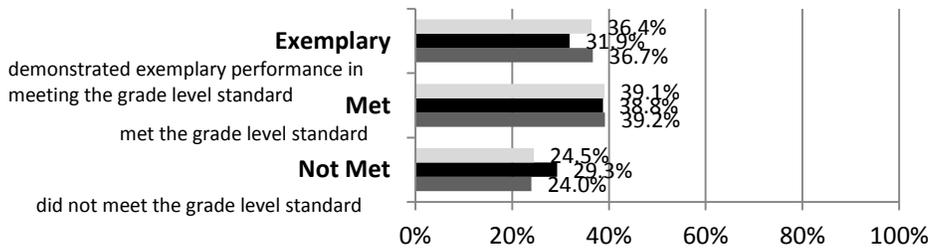
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
62.4	64.8	65.3

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
82.2	64.8	79.0

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	96.5
English 1	100	94
Biology 1	N/A	74.7
US History and the Constitution	N/A	47.9
All Subjects	100.0	95.3

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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	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 353)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	73.5	Down from 81.8%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	12.8	Down from 41.7%	25.8
Attendance Rate	95.7	Up from 94.5%	95.1
With disabilities	12.4	Up from 11.5%	13.6
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.7	Up from 0.0%	0.8
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	20.6	Down from 24.7%	20.1
Percentage of students retained	1.4	Down from 1.8%	0.5
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 23)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	73.9	Up from 56.0%	58.1
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	60.9	Down from 64.0%	78.1
Teachers returning from previous year	66.7	Down from 72.3%	86.6
Teacher attendance rate	96.0	Up from 95.1%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$44,860	Down 1.6%	\$47,115
Professional development days / teacher	9.1 days	Down from 14.5 days	10.7 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	4.3	N/A	0.6
School			
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	4.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Down from 21.3 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0	Up from 88.0%	88.6
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	78.5	Down from 79.4%	99.6
Character development program	Good	No change	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	11.0	N/A	15.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	18.7	N/A	23.9
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	1.3	N/C	0.9
District-issued technology devices per teacher	3.5	N/C	1.9
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.1	Down from 17.1%	3.4
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,249	Up 12.6%	\$7,598
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.3	Up from 57.0%	61.9
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	58.6	Up from 58.0%	63.0

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

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	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	115	78
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	69.6	87.2
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	62.9	86.8
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	68.2	90.2	56.6

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

State Ratings History of School

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

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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