ABSOLUTE RATING: **Good**
IMPROVEMENT RATING: **Unsatisfactory**

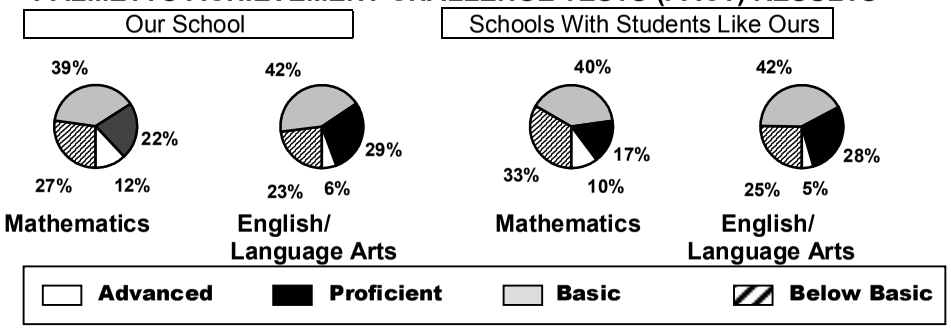
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 34. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=535)	77%	72.7%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=48)	31.3%	27.1%		
Students without disabilities (n=479)	82.9%	77.8%		
Gender				
Male (n=248)	72.6%	72.1%		
Female (n=279)	83.2%	74.3%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=165)	49.7%	41.9%		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=352)	92%	87.5%		
Other (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=171)	49.1%	42.5%		
Pay for lunch (n=356)	92.1%	88.2%		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	$6,038	N/A	$5,201	$5,127
• Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 88.5%	89.7%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in **core subjects**	21.2 to 1	N/A	23.1 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=886)				
• Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 95.3%	95.9%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.8%	N/A	2.4%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.6%	N/A	2.2%	4.0%
• Retention rate	3%	Up from 2.2%	2.1%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=66)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.1 Days	Down from 8.1	7.9 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	95.1%	Up from 94.8%	95.4%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	53%	Down from 58.5%	47%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.4%	Up from 86.2%	84.5%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	2.1%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	91.5%	Down from 91.9%	87.6%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	$40,807	Up 2.7%	$38,264	$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	Down from 2%	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	59.9%	N/A	60.9%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	5	N/A	3	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	48.1%	N/A	78.9%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	32.2%	Up from 13.8%	37.6%	45.8%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.9%	Up from 2.5%	2.5%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	22	N/A	15	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	71.3%	N/A	20.4%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	42.1%	Up from 39.2%	16%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Up from 9.2%	13.4%	13.6%

PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

McCracken Junior High School offers a comprehensive educational program to approximately 900 students. Students are required to take language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and physical education. Students may also select from the following elective areas: art, consumer and homemaking education, foreign language, JROTC, keyboarding, industrial technology, dance, and music.

The main focus of our School Improvement Council for this year has been the sixth grade transition to junior high school. An orientation for seventh graders will be conducted in all social studies classes at the beginning of each school year.

McCracken students have served our community by:
1. Providing food for needy families through our Thanksgiving Food Drive
2. Providing gifts for needy children during the holiday season
3. Picking up trash along Webber Road (project of Environmental Club)
4. Donated $1,400 to the MS Society for research
5. Raised $1,200 for the Relay for Life Cancer Drive
6. Added $1,100 to the Beta Club Scholarship Fund

McCracken students received the following honors:
1. 112 seventh graders qualified for Duke's Talent Search program
2. 131 students in the 8th and 9th grades qualified for Beta Club Membership
3. Seventh graders placed 9th nationally in WordMaster competition
4. 16 students were published in Maggie's Drawers
5. 61 eighth grade students qualified as South Carolina Junior Scholars
6. County Math Count Winner
7. District Spelling Bee Champion
8. District Lt. Gov. Writing Award Winner
9. Student Council recognized as Gold Award Winners

Thank you for your support and cooperation that have helped make McCracken an excellent school.

Calvin Cannon

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	72.3	51.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	62.5	50.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	82.8	73.5	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 7-9 Middle School

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card	2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:
By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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