



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

H E McCracken Middle

Beaufort County

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 1,133

Principal: Phillip Shaw

Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale

Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

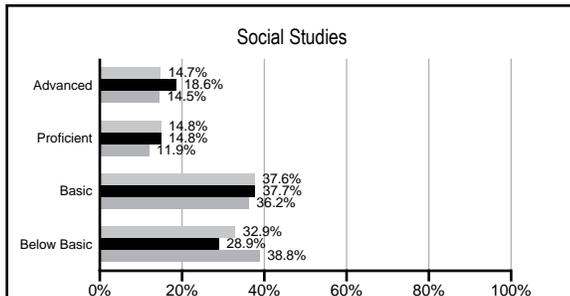
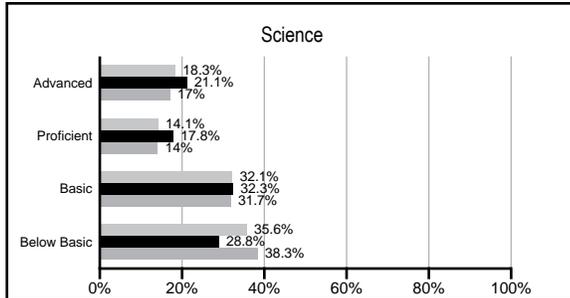
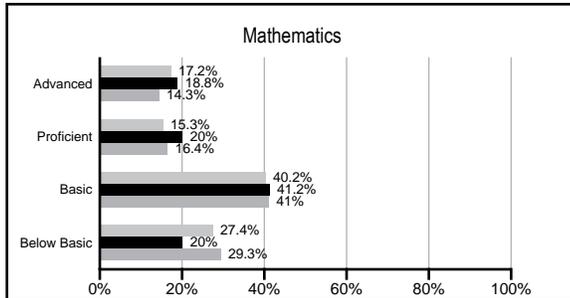
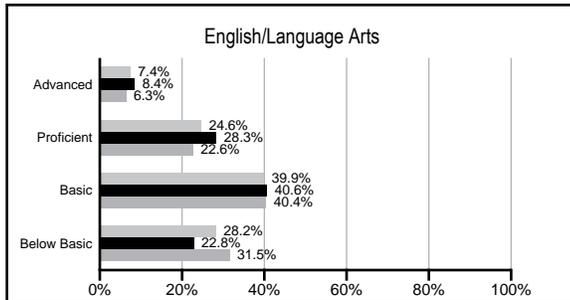
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	31	10	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

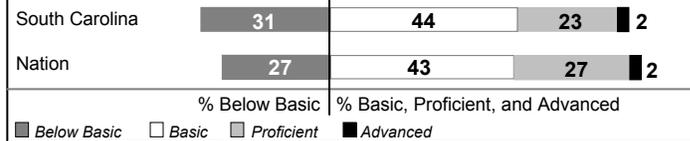
Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



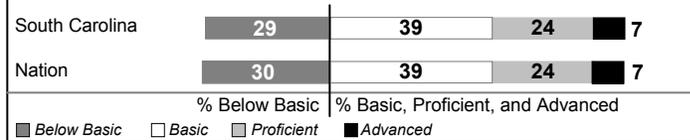
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)



MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)



SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% 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%	98.4%
English 1	96.2%	94.0%
Physical Science	0%	36.0%
All Subjects	98.3%	97.8%

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

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

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=1,133)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	12.6%	Up from 4.5%	27.0%	19.4%
Retention rate	1.0%	Up from 0.8%	2.0%	1.8%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.1%	96.0%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.8%	Up from 18.3%	20.8%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.8%	Up from 8.7%	11.4%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.3%	Up from 2.1%	0.9%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=75)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.3%	Up from 53.0%	57.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	60.0%	Up from 54.5%	74.4%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.3%	Down from 8.9%	3.7%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	70.4%	Down from 72.3%	86.7%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 94.1%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,059	Up 3.5%	\$45,165	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.7%	Up from 7.7%	1.4%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.7 to 1	Down from 23.3 to 1	22.3 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 88.8%	89.9%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,048	Up 8.9%	\$6,479	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	65.6%	Down from 68.4%	66.2%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	63.2%	Down from 64.6%	60.9%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	62.1%		72.4%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	61	288	167
Percent satisfied with learning environment	81.7%	75.0%	71.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.5%	71.6%	67.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	55.7%	80.2%	64.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

McCracken Middle School experienced another tremendous year. Our students garnered numerous awards in academics, arts, and athletics. The percent of children being recognized as Junior Scholars was the highest ever, as was the number of children being selected for the Duke Tip program. Additionally, 63 students took the high school Algebra I exit exam. All of these students received high school credit and 25 had perfect scores. Students taking the high school English I course also accomplished remarkable completion rates. Lastly, our MAP scores (Measures of Academic Progress) indicated that our students were "exceeding" expected growth targets. All of this is just a sampling of the academic excellence that occurred at McCracken this year.

On the fields of competition, our athletics teams took numerous first place finishes in our district, with our wrestling team placing 4th in the state. Additionally, many of our students were able to participate in both school and recreation teams. We celebrate all their successes as we continue to provide the best programs available for our children.

Although the housing market has slowed, McCracken continues to celebrate wonderful growth. Numerous students have returned from the private-school setting and families continue to relocate to Bluffton. This growth brings new opportunities for students to soar as we expand the curriculum and offer new classes. Some of the classes for the 2008 – 2009 school year include multimedia production and environmental science. Our after school offerings have increased in variety and size to include remediation, enrichment, and acceleration opportunities. Our school newspaper was born, in addition to active art and environmental clubs. The 2008 – 2009 school year may see the birth of McCracken's first student-published literary magazine. Lastly, our students continued to experience the forefront of technology as they produced numerous podcasts and mastered the safe use of internet resources. All of these activities and so many more allowed our children to enhance their daily lives.

Thank you for your continued support. The partnership we share as parents, community, and school is the secret to the success of all our children. We look forward to another exciting year as we continue to build the very best middle school ever!

With High Regards~

Paula Baughan, SIC Chair
Phillip Shaw, Principal

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