



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Gaffney Middle School

Cherokee

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 679

Principal: Jean B. Brewington

Superintendent: Dr. William B. James

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

PERFORMANCE

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

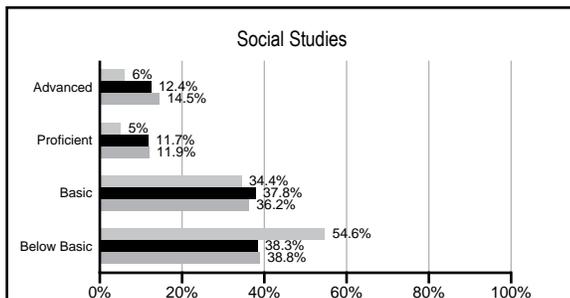
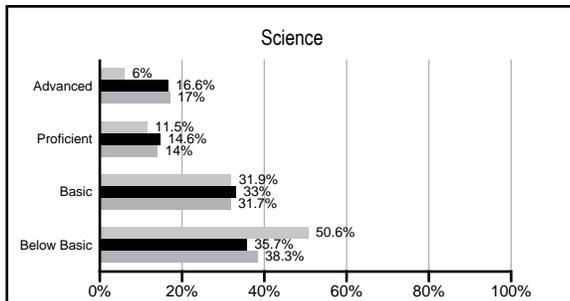
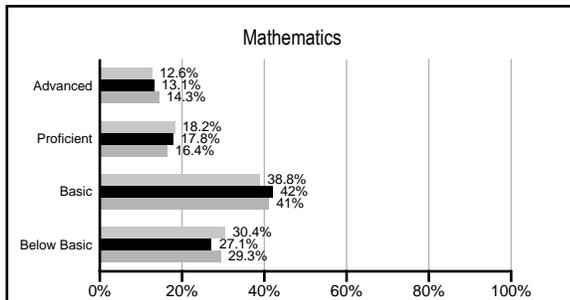
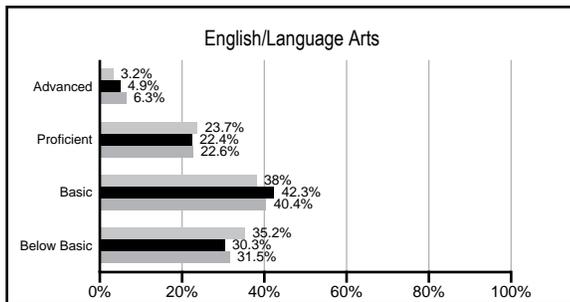
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	16	31	5

* 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.

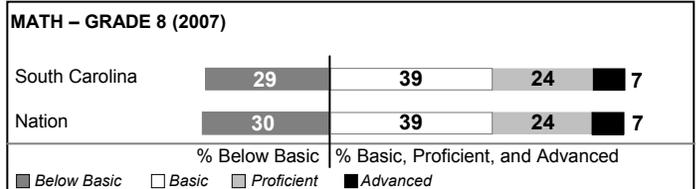
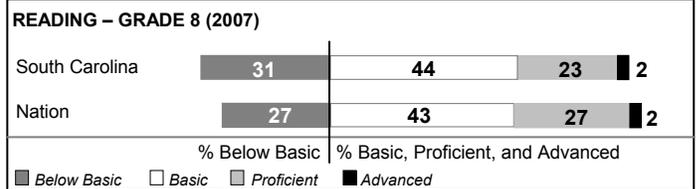
PACT PERFORMANCE

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.



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%	97.2%
English 1	0%	96.9%
Physical Science	0%	50.0%
All Subjects	100.0%	96.4%

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=679)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	51.7%	Up from 0.0%	23.3%	19.4%
Retention rate	2.4%	Up from 2.0%	1.5%	1.8%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.5%	95.9%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.4%	Down from 18.1%	17.8%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	5.7%	Up from 5.0%	14.3%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.5%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	46.8%	Down from 48.9%	53.7%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	74.5%	Up from 73.3%	74.1%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.4%	Down from 5.7%	5.6%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.4%	Up from 80.8%	84.8%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 94.7%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$42,292	Up 5.8%	\$44,202	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.3%	Up from 8.3%	2.3%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 6.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.7 to 1	Down from 24.0 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 88.8%	89.3%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,223	Up 1.6%	\$7,061	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.0%	Down from 61.2%	63.7%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.9%	Down from 60.2%	59.5%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	58.6%		69.9%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	172	53
Percent satisfied with learning environment	69.8%	68.6%	81.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	69.8%	72.0%	67.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	44.2%	84.0%	66.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Gaffney Middle School, under the supervision of Mr. Herman E. Thompson, along with the School Improvement Council, PTO, teachers, and parents, is continually striving to improve its middle school program.

Our teachers participate in numerous staff development programs that serve to strengthen the curriculum as well as strengthen the teacher as a professional. We purchased Promethean Boards, LCD projectors, and CPS systems for all teachers to provide them with technology resources to support students' differentiated learning styles. To help determine mastery of standards and readiness for PACT, our teachers used Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in all grades. The Encore Program provides enrichment and helps to strengthen the English/Language Arts skills of each student. Students were provided with a reading program during Encore the last nine weeks of the school year. A summer reading program was implemented this year to help improve the reading skills of our students. Students with Academic Assistance Plans are served through the Extended Day Programs, SUCCESS and CIS, offered at our school.

Gaffney Middle School held two sessions for parents this year. One was a Literacy/Fall Fest where each student, any of their siblings, and each parent received a book of their choice. Parents were provided places to read to their children and have their children read to them. There were also business partners and other organizations that provided services for our parents. The other parental involvement session allowed parents to learn to use the technology offered to our students.

Gaffney Middle School also provides our parents the opportunity to review their child's progress and attendance through a web-based program call InTouch. Teachers use School Notes on a regular basis to notify parents and students of events, assignments, and happenings in the classroom.

We completed the School Renewal Plan for the next school year, 2008-2009, which will allow Gaffney Middle School to continue to meet the needs of our students.

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