



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Leslie M. Stover School  
 Kershaw County  
 Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 617  
 Principal: DENNIS REEDER  
 Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan  
 Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

## PERFORMANCE

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

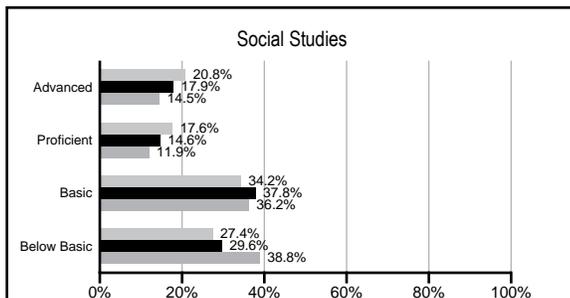
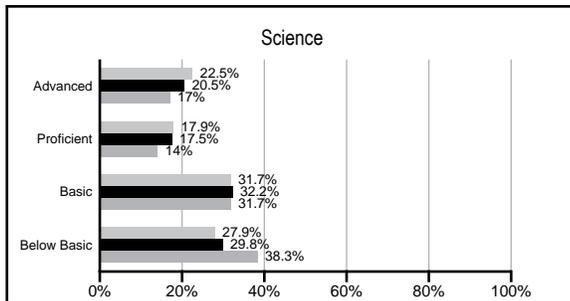
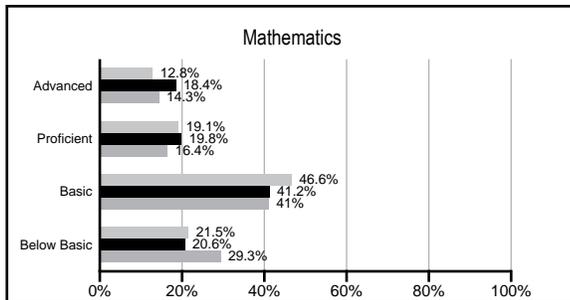
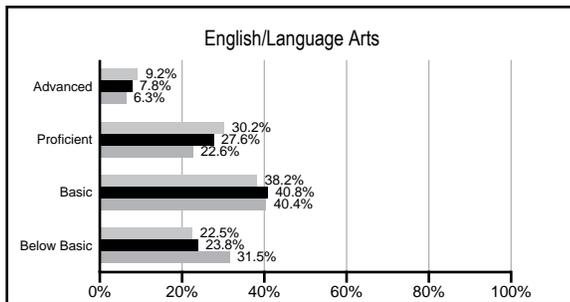
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	28	12	2

\* 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.

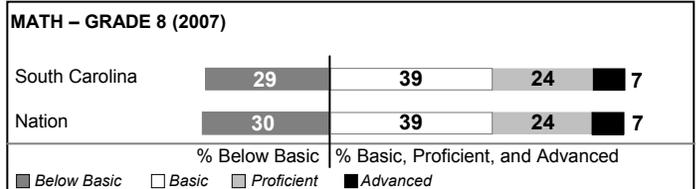
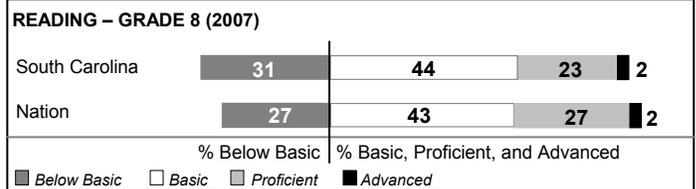
## PACT PERFORMANCE

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	95.9%	97.8%
English 1	97.0%	93.3%
Physical Science	0%	43.6%
All Subjects	96.4%	97.3%

## 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
<b>Students (n=617)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	34.9%	Up from 21.9%	26.1%	19.4%
Retention rate	0.2%	Down from 0.5%	1.7%	1.8%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.9%	95.8%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.1%	Up from 16.4%	19.3%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	11.2%	Up from 9.8%	12.9%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.8%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=36)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.8%	Down from 57.1%	56.8%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Down from 80.0%	75.7%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.1%	Up from 6.5%	4.5%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.4%	Down from 88.3%	86.8%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.8%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,245	Up 0.2%	\$45,259	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1%	Down from 4.7%	0.0%	2.9%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.0 to 1	Up from 23.8 to 1	22.6 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 90.5%	89.0%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,911	Down 0.6%	\$6,544	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.2%	Down from 59.4%	63.7%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	58.1%	Down from 58.2%	59.7%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	71.4%		71.4%	69.0%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	171	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.8%	70.8%	77.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	81.6%	80.0%	87.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	70.3%	80.6%	63.3%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been a wonderful year to be at Leslie M. Stover Middle School. We are in our sixth year as a middle school, and this year we served 622 students in grades six through eight. The mission of our school is to provide a safe and innovative environment that empowers students with knowledge and skills that will produce responsible, self-directed lifelong learners who, in turn, will be productive citizens.

Our students participated in several service projects this year. We believe that service learning is instrumental in producing lifelong learners. The members of our Student Government organization initiated a project to beautify our courtyard area beside the cafeteria. Over \$8,000.00 was donated in funding and materials. Stover students also participated in numerous community service projects, including Relay for Life, Food Drive, and Jeans for Teens. Our community suffered a tornado disaster this year, and our students pitched right in and raised over \$360.00 in order to assist the Red Cross with relief funds for families who suffered losses. We are very proud of our students' efforts with service learning this year.

The Stover related arts program continues to excel. Twenty-nine Stover band students made All Region this year, and two were selected as All State. The Stover band program also received all superior scores during Concert Festival for the sixth year in a row. The Leslie M. Stover Middle School Art Gallery was opened this year. Student Art Work is on display, and visitors have given support to this extraordinary exhibit. Our students also had art work featured in a school-produced calendar publication and at the Fine Arts Center during Youth Arts Month. Stover Middle School also has a chorus program that performs in various community events.

Our main focus this school year was academic achievement. Our TAG (Tigers Achieving Goals) program was created this year. TAG is scheduled on Fridays to provide enrichment for students mastering subject matter and remediation for students needing improvement in particular areas. A homework center was also implemented in order to instill in our students the necessity to always be prepared and ready for classroom instruction. Our academic highlights include the selection of seven Stover students as Junior Scholars, a chartered Beta Club totaling 165 members, and one of our students advanced to the state competition in the Optimist Club Oratorical Contest.

Our faculty and staff continue to work diligently to provide a safe and positive environment where students can experience enriching academic and extracurricular opportunities that will best prepare them for the future. Our school motto, "A Caring Community of Learners," continues to symbolize what we believe to be true about our Stover family.

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