



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

R C Edwards Middle

Pickens

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 801

Principal: Gary Culler

Superintendent: Lee D'Andrea, Ph.D.

Board Chair: Dr. B. J. Skelton

PERFORMANCE

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

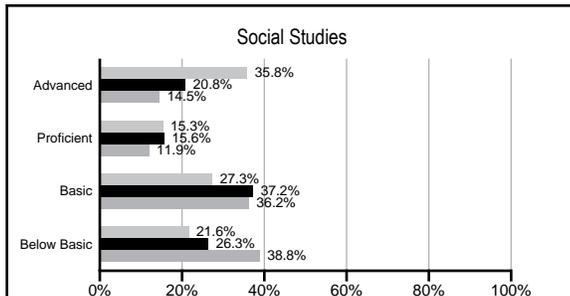
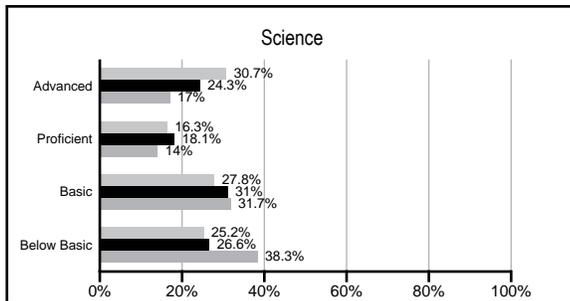
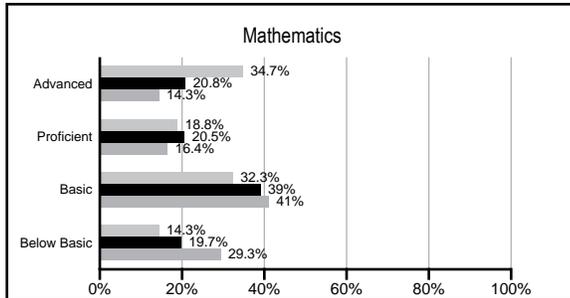
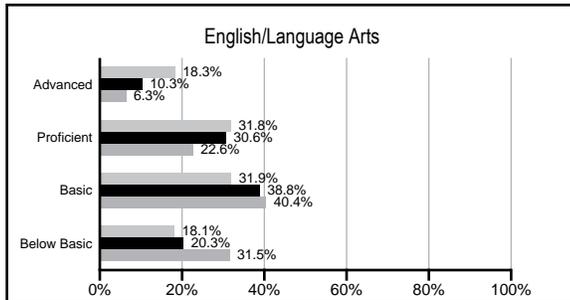
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0 | 6 | 24 | 3 | 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

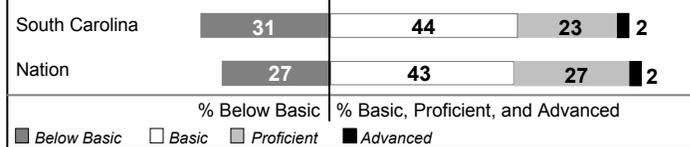
Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



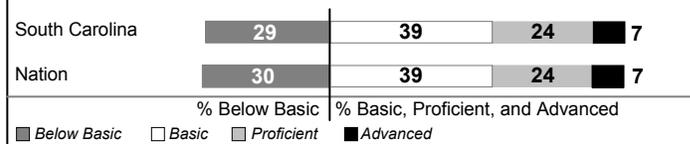
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

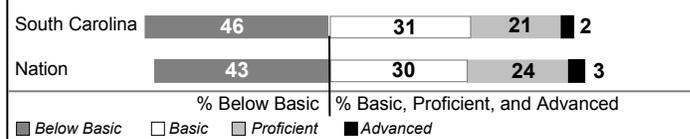
READING - GRADE 8 (2007)



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% | 97.3% |
| English 1 | 100.0% | 93.4% |
| Physical Science | 0% | 40.5% |
| All Subjects | 100.0% | 96.8% |

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=801) | | | | |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8) | 85.8% | Up from 51.2% | 30.1% | 19.4% |
| Retention rate | 2.2% | Down from 3.3% | 1.7% | 1.8% |
| Attendance rate | 96.1% | Down from 96.4% | 96.3% | 95.8% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 29.1% | Down from 31.5% | 26.2% | 15.3% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 14.8% | Up from 13.0% | 11.1% | 12.9% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 5.1% | Up from 0.0% | 1.0% | 0.7% |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=52) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 59.6% | Up from 56.3% | 61.5% | 55.0% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 88.5% | Down from 89.6% | 75.0% | 70.6% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 2.1% | Down from 2.3% | 3.7% | 5.4% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 91.9% | Up from 88.2% | 84.7% | 83.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 93.3% | Down from 95.9% | 95.3% | 94.9% |
| Average teacher salary | \$46,389 | Up 4.3% | \$46,665 | \$44,706 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | Down from 1.2% | 1.9% | 2.9% |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 1.0 | Down from 11.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 24.3 to 1 | Down from 25.3 to 1 | 21.8 to 1 | 20.1 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 88.5% | Down from 91.2% | 90.3% | 89.3% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | Up from Fair | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Character development program | Good | Up from Average | Good | Good |
| Dollars spent per pupil* | \$6,910 | Up 11.8% | \$6,292 | \$7,097 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction* | 56.5% | Down from 57.1% | 66.9% | 64.4% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries* | 52.3% | Down from 54.5% | 63.5% | 59.4% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 78.3% | | 76.1% | 69.0% |

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 43 | 251 | 133 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 76.7% | 71.0% | 61.5% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 90.7% | 71.9% | 57.4% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 88.1% | 83.6% | 51.6% |

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year has been a year of achievement for our school. It is the mission of R.C. Edwards Middle School to "promote high standards of academic achievement, personal achievement, and career development in a safe environment," and we have accomplished this through a myriad of opportunities.

Our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders have had numerous opportunities to showcase their talents in academics, athletics, and the arts. Our Algebra class average end-of-course exam score was 97.75% and the English 1 end-of-course average was 96.2%. Math Counts teams placed first in the Region. Three of our students placed in the regional science fair. Lakes and Mountains School for the Arts accepted 38 of our students to participate in their program, and three of our students qualified for the All-State Band. Thirty-eight students were named Jr. Scholars and ten students were awarded Duke Tip with one of them qualifying as a Grand Winner. Our chess club was state champion this year as well.

Some exemplary programs at Edwards include Panther Pride, Student of the Month, and Breakfast of Champions. The Panther Pride honors students who have modeled noteworthy character traits, the Student of the Month program identifies students who have excelled in the classroom, and the Breakfast of Champions rewards students who have not incurred disciplinary action. Students also receive recognition for growth in their MAP scores. The MAP test is a standardized test that shows student growth. It also shows areas of strengths and weaknesses providing valuable information about students' progress throughout the year so that teachers can meet student needs more effectively. Promethean boards and LCD projectors have been purchased to continue to promote high academic achievement, integrating technology in the classroom.

In an effort to invest in the surrounding community, Edwards contributes to many outreach programs. Students and faculty make donations and participate in fundraisers for local charities such as Helping Hands, United Way, and Hoops for Heart along with many other program opportunities.

R.C. Edwards Middle School is the learning environment for students with the help and support of parents, volunteers, the school improvement council, teachers, and staff. Our PTSO, a parent-teacher-student organization, has worked towards increasing the number of volunteers within our school. This effort has been accomplished as our school has enjoyed the benefits of this undertaking. The PTSO and volunteers have worked to beautify the grounds and support our teachers and students. We hope that this program will continue to grow and flourish in the coming year.

Kim Vick, School Improvement Council Chairperson
Reggia Stapleton, Principal

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