



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blue Ridge Middle
 Greenville
 Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 914
 Principal: Becky Greene
 Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
 Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD | | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | | General Performance | Closing the Gap | | |
| 2009 | Average | Average | TBD | TBD | Not Met | N/A |
| 2008 | Below Average | Below Average | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |
| 2007 | Below Average | At-Risk | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |

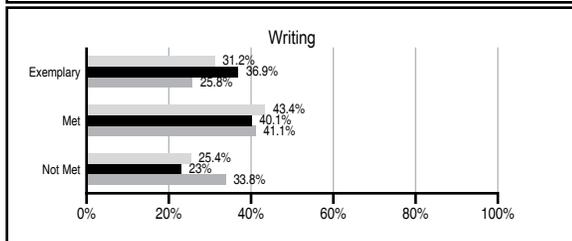
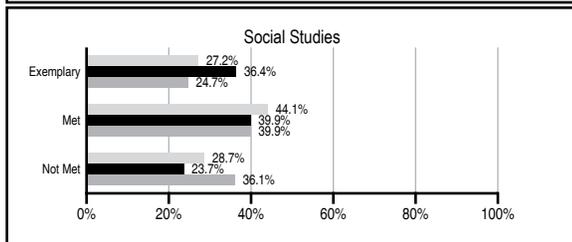
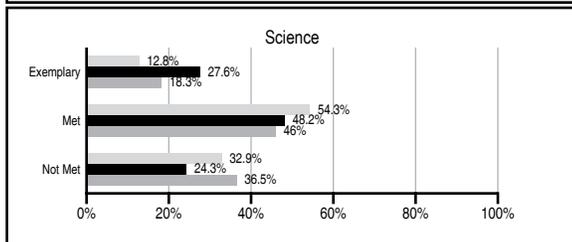
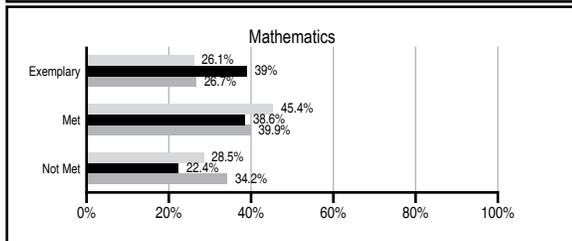
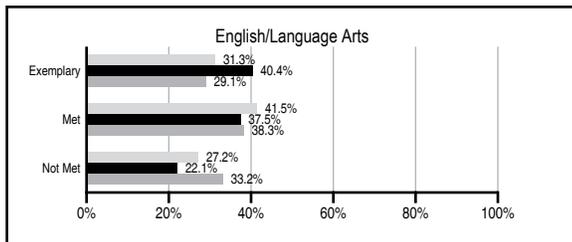
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 4 | 19 | 9 | 0 | 0 |

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

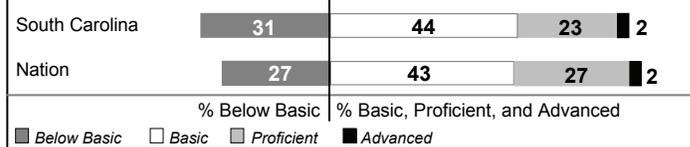
Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



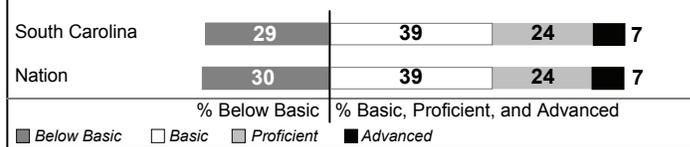
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* 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 - 2009

| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 95.0 | 99.1 |
| English 1 | 100.0 | 94.1 |
| Physical Science | N/A | 69.3 |
| US History and the Constitution | N/A | 100.0 |
| All Subjects | 97.4 | 98.1 |

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 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Blue Ridge Middle [Greenville]

SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Students (n=914) | | | | |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8) | 21.2% | Down from 23.6% | 29.8% | 21.6% |
| Retention rate | 1.0% | Up from 0.4% | 1.1% | 1.2% |
| Attendance rate | 96.3% | Down from 96.5% | 96.3% | 95.9% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 18.3% | Down from 21.1% | 23.7% | 14.8% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 14.9% | Up from 13.5% | 11.2% | 12.6% |
| Older than usual for grade | 0.8% | Down from 1.4% | 1.2% | 2.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.7% | Up from 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.6% |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.2% | Up from 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=53) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 64.2% | Up from 63.2% | 60.0% | 56.9% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 77.4% | Up from 75.4% | 78.4% | 72.7% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 4.1% | Up from 2.0% | 4.0% | 5.3% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 89.6% | Up from 88.0% | 85.7% | 82.9% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 94.6% | Down from 95.0% | 95.1% | 95.2% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$49,409 | Up 5.5% | \$48,564 | \$46,599 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | Down from 5.6% | 0.0% | 2.4% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 9.7 days | Down from 14.8 days | 11.2 days | 10.8 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 2.0 | Up from 1.0 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 24.2 to 1 | Up from 23.6 to 1 | 21.5 to 1 | 20.1 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 90.2% | Down from 90.4% | 90.5% | 89.9% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | No Change | Excellent | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 99.4% | Up from 95.4% | 97.7% | 97.8% |
| Character development program | Excellent | Up from Average | Good | Good |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$6,307 | Up 4.8% | \$6,994 | \$7,645 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 65.3% | Down from 66.2% | 66.3% | 63.4% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 61.2% | Up from 60.9% | 60.3% | 57.0% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 88.2% | Up from 58.8% | 93.1% | 90.5% |

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blue Ridge Middle School is located in the fast-growing northwest corner of Greenville County. It serves 900+ students with a curriculum that is challenging and includes 13 related arts offerings. We offer advanced classes for high school credit in math and ELA. BRMS teachers have created and revised syllabi based on state standards for each subject. Teachers have accessible websites, e-mails, and direct line telephones. Lesson plan objectives are posted daily in each classroom. Compass Learning, instruction on test taking skills, and PASS practice help sessions were available. Single gender education was successfully implemented. PTSA funded grants for teacher use in classrooms. MAP data was collected and used to individualize instruction and chart progress of each student's goal. Students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of district competitive team sports. Students also participate in art, music, band, and academic challenges.

School safety is always of high importance. This year BRMS finished 4 school safety trainings. Hall labels were posted outside on the classroom wings to direct emergency personnel. Keypads have been installed on outside entrances.

Physical fitness has become a priority at BRMS. Teachers and students begin each day with morning stretching exercises led by a PE teacher and broadcast on Tiger TV. Sugar content of available foods at school continues to be monitored and kept to 10 grams per serving. Faculty "meltdown" competitions were continued.

BRMS is a family school dedicated to excellence in life, learning, and physical well-being.

Becky Greene, Principal
Pam Durham, SIC Chair
Susan Moon, PTSA Chair

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 49 | 251 | 64 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 97.9% | 84.0% | 85.9% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 98.0% | 86.1% | 89.1% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 100.0% | 91.1% | 82.3% |

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

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