



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Fairforest Middle  
Spartanburg 6  
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 745  
Principal: Ty Dawkins  
Superintendent: Darryl Owings  
Board Chair: Mr. Alex Meadows

## 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                     |

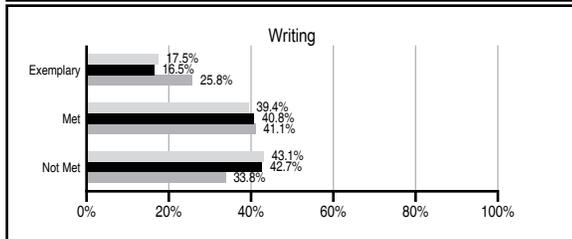
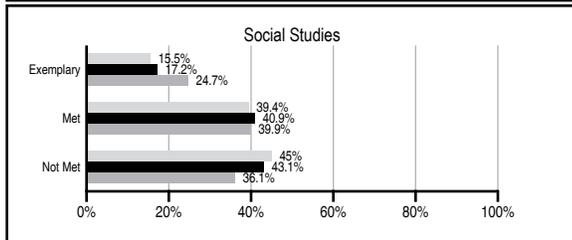
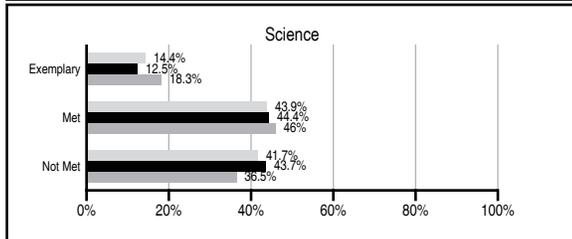
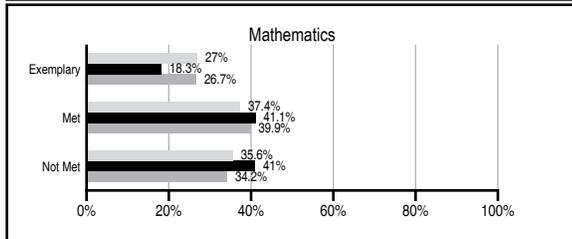
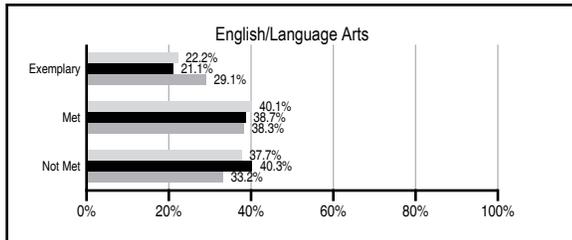
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0         | 0    | 23      | 17            | 4       |

\* 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.

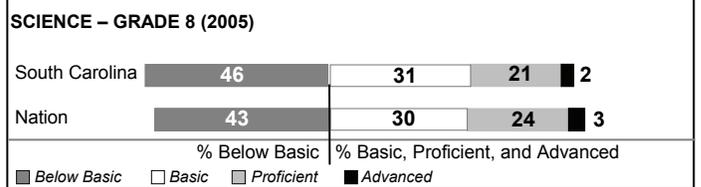
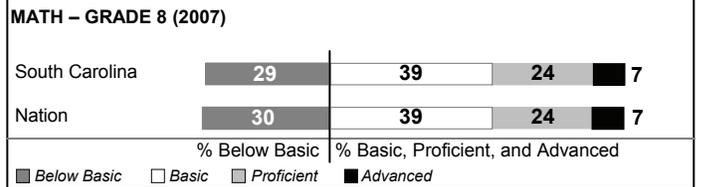
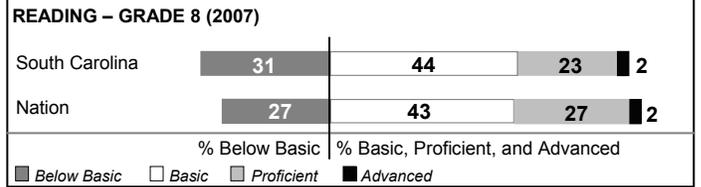
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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.



## 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 | 100.0             | 91.2                                   |
| English 1                             | N/A               | 89.5                                   |
| Physical Science                      | N/A               | 92.2                                   |
| US History and the Constitution       | N/A               | N/A                                    |
| All Subjects                          | 100.0             | 90.9                                   |

## 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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## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| <b>Students (n=745)</b>  |            |                       |  |                      |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)               | 11.2%      | Down from 17.6%       | 16.0%                                  | 21.6%                |
| Retention rate   | 0.4%       | Up from 0.1%          | 1.9%                                   | 1.2%                 |
| Attendance rate  | 95.4%      | Up from 95.1%         | 95.4%                                  | 95.9%                |
| Eligible for gifted and talented   | 14.5%      | Up from 12.8%         | 10.0%                                  | 14.8%                |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 15.2%      | Up from 14.2%         | 15.4%                                  | 12.6%                |
| Older than usual for grade   | 2.4%       | Up from 1.2%          | 4.3%                                   | 2.5%                 |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.7%                                   | 0.6%                 |
| Annual dropout rate  | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                   | 0.0%                 |
| <b>Teachers (n=57)</b>   |            |                       |  |                      |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 57.9%      | Down from 65.5%       | 56.1%                                  | 56.9%                |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 75.4%      | Down from 82.8%       | 67.2%                                  | 72.7%                |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 0.0%       | No Change             | 9.7%                                   | 5.3%                 |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 85.9%      | Down from 86.2%       | 81.1%                                  | 82.9%                |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 95.4%      | Down from 95.8%       | 95.2%                                  | 95.2%                |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$47,001   | Up 6.3%               | \$45,942                               | \$46,599             |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 2.7%       | Down from 5.7%        | 4.1%                                   | 2.4%                 |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 12.6 days  | Down from 13.0 days   | 10.2 days                              | 10.8 days            |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                      |
| Principal's years at school  | 2.0        | Up from 1.0           | 3.0                                    | 3.0                  |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 19.4 to 1  | Down from 20.7 to 1   | 18.9 to 1                              | 20.1 to 1            |
| Prime instructional time   | 90.5%      | Up from 90.2%         | 89.8%                                  | 89.9%                |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Excellent  | No Change             | Good                                   | Good                 |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes                                    | Yes                  |
| Parents attending conferences  | 100.0%     | No Change             | 97.5%                                  | 97.8%                |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | No Change             | Good                                   | Good                 |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$7,226    | Up 5.6%               | \$8,162                                | \$7,645              |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 70.9%      | Up from 68.8%         | 62.3%                                  | 63.4%                |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 51.7%      | Down from 64.0%       | 55.2%                                  | 57.0%                |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 89.7%      | Up from 58.1%         | 90.5%                                  | 90.5%                |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 0        | 229       | 64       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | N/R      | 74.0%     | 89.1%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | N/R      | 82.8%     | 87.5%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | N/R      | 85.2%     | 82.8%    |

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-09 school year at Fairforest Middle School was a great one filled with many student and teacher success stories. Students were encouraged to work to their fullest potential in all areas. Our main focus continues to be academic success for all students; however, success in the arts, athletics, and other areas of education is just as important. Students are experiencing great improvements through the use of Corrective Reading, a district-wide reading program designed to assist students in the foundations of reading.

Several FFMS students won local, state, or national art awards on the middle school and high school levels. We had many students selected to the State Honor Choir again this year, and the Battle of the Brains team placed in the final four. The Muse Machine was voted "Muse Machine of the Year" for the third year in a row. One hundred percent of the students enrolled in Algebra I passed the state End of Course (EOC) test. Three students were selected to attend the Scholar's Academy at USC Upstate. The wrestling team and the eighth grade football team won second place in the Peachtree Conference. The Fairforest Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team won first place in the state this year. A new club was added this year, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). We are extremely proud of these and the many other student accomplishments.

Teachers attended staff and professional development conferences and seminars. The drama teacher was named Spartanburg County MUSE Machine Advisor of the Year. Two teachers were awarded \$500 Kohl's Cares for Kids grants, and an eighth grade ELA teacher received the Poetic Achievement Award from Creative Communications. The librarian received the Picturing America grant, and FFMS received the 21st Century Summer Enrichment grant. The 2009 Relay for Life team raised the second highest amount of money of all the middle schools. These great accomplishments established the culture of excellence throughout the school.

We are extremely appreciative of the support from our students, parents, and the entire Fairforest community. Through our continued partnership and commitment to our students, we are sure to continue on the path of success.

Dr. Shawn D. Foster, Principal  
Mr. Troy Christensen, SIC Chairperson

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