



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**DENT MIDDLE**  
**Richland 2**  
**Grades: 6-8** Enrollment: 1,297  
**Principal: Randall R. Gary**  
**Superintendent: Katie Brochu, Ed.D.**  
**Board Chair: Stephanie Burgess, Ph.D.**

## 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		
2011	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

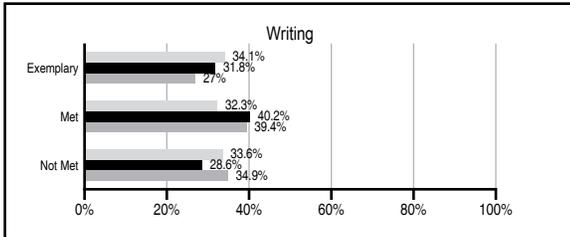
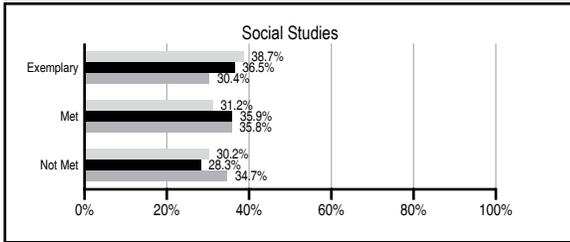
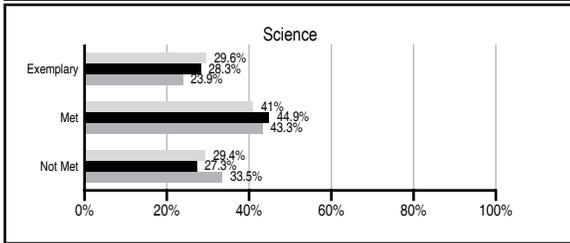
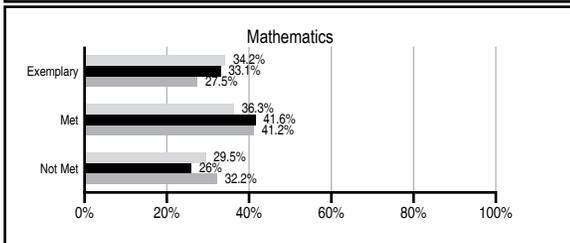
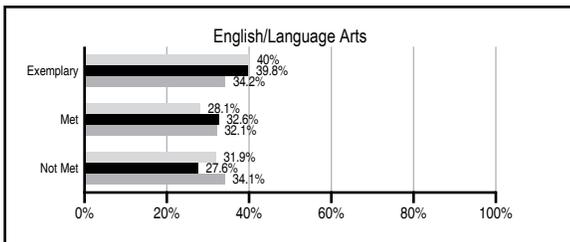
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	22	20	0	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

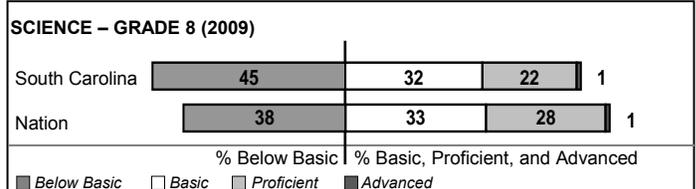
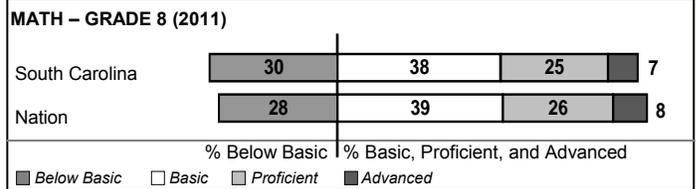
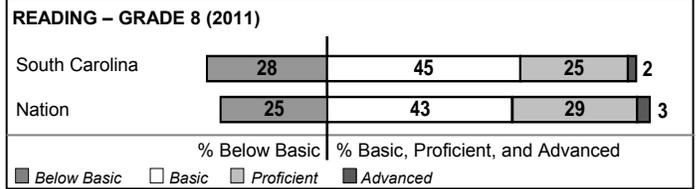
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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 - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	97.2	98.0
English 1	N/A	93.3
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	N/A
Physical Science	N/A	18.3
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.2	95.9

## SC PERFORMANCE 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=1,297)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	50.5%	Up from 48.0%	31.2%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.2%	Down from 0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.4%	96.1%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.0%	Down from 19.9%	21.6%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	7.0%	Down from 8.5%	8.8%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 1.1%	0.9%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.2%	Down from 3.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=91)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.1%	No Change	60.0%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	64.8%	Up from 63.7%	83.7%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.3%	Up from 84.9%	85.9%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.5%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,658	Down 1.4%	\$46,505	\$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	6.3 days	Down from 8.2 days	10.0 days	9.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	Up from 19.8 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 91.2%	90.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.1%	Down from 98.6%	99.6%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,980	Down 0.2%	\$7,213	\$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.5%	Up from 69.2%	64.5%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.9%	Up from 64.0%	61.6%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	75.8%	Down from 93.9%	81.0%	80.5%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	13	344	145
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.3%	69.5%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.3%	74.5%	83.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.3%	78.1%	83.6%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

As the oldest school in Richland School District Two, Dent Middle School has a long history of excellence, and we continue to pride ourselves on the success of our students and faculty. We feel the 2010 – 2011 school year was exceptional. Rallying around our theme, "One Team, One Dream," we unified our school and positively transformed the school culture. We look forward to an even better year in 2011 – 2012.

Our students continue to shine and boasted multiple awards and commendations. Our Blue Diamond MATHCOUNTS! Team won the state championship for the third consecutive year. Our eighth graders performed exceptionally well in the regional science fair and received several first place awards. In addition, we had over sixty students recognized as Junior Scholars, and several were recognized by the Duke Talent Identification Program. We continued to perform well in the arts, as well. Our symphonic band received a superior rating at the South Carolina Band Director's Association competition. Several students were awarded superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival and were selected for All Region and All State Bands. As a result, Dent's bands once again received the coveted Outstanding Performance Award. The orchestra and chorus also had a banner year. They both received superior ratings at their respective competitions. Dent's literary magazine, SHINE! was awarded Best South Carolina Literary Magazine.

Our faculty and staff had a great year, too. Three teachers were recognized as receiving National Board status, and we are home of the 2010 South Carolina Association of School Administrators' Principal of the Year. We received professional development in several areas and continue to explore effective strategies to increase student engagement in the classroom.

We take exceptional pride in the strength and diversity of the programs we offer, of the quality of our teachers, of the participation of our parents, and especially of the accomplishments of our students. We will continue to demonstrate a committed effort toward communicating our school's vision and values, improving student achievement, and exhibiting pride in accomplishing our goals. The 2011 – 2012 school year promises to be one of continued growth and successes.

Dr. Randall R. Gary, Principal  
Dr. Martin S. Roth, SIC Chair

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