



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Bennettsville Middle School
Marlboro County School District
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 360
Principal: Dr. Secaida Howell
Superintendent: Dr. Helena Tillar
Board Chair: Lucy Parsons

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	At-Risk	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2011	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

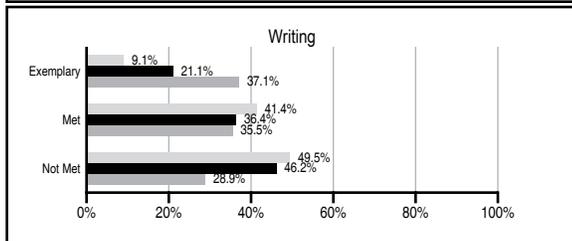
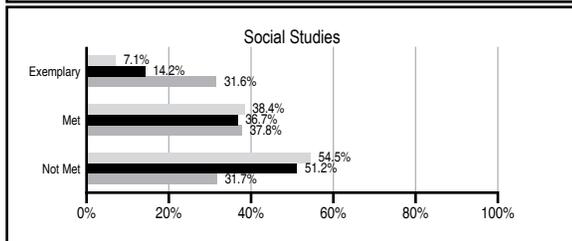
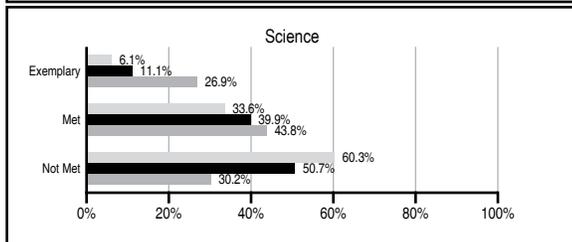
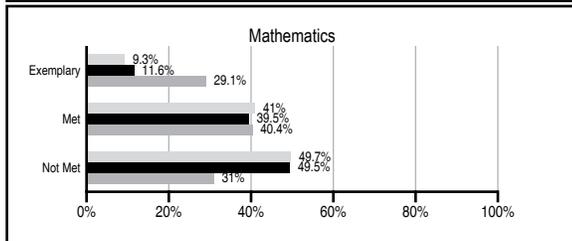
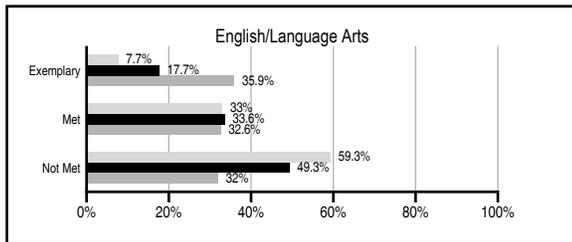
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	15	21	19

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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



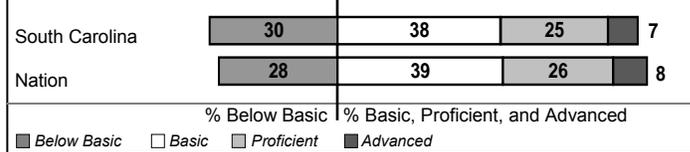
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

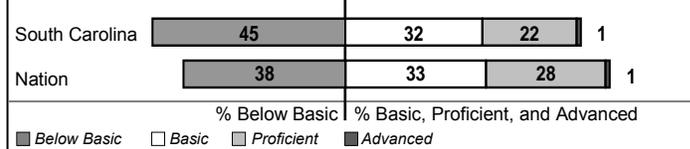
READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	57.1	85.5
English 1	85.7	75.0
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	71.4	83.9

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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[Marlboro County School District]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=360)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	10.0%	Up from 5.8%	14.0%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.8%	No Change	1.2%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 95.0%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 17.9%	0.4%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.6%	Up from 48.5%	59.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	80.8%	Up from 77.3%	77.9%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,004	Up 9.7%	\$43,639	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.9%	Up from 4.8%	4.1%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	0.3 days	Down from 8.1 days	9.1 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	13.8 to 1	Down from 16.9 to 1	18.0 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	89.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Poor	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	51.0%	Down from 81.0%	98.6%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,479	Up 15.8%	\$9,839	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.9%	Up from 52.0%	58.6%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.9%	Up from 48.1%	53.2%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	28.3	N/A	63.6	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Bennettsville Middle School is a Palmetto Priority School as identified by the state of South Carolina's Department of Education. It houses 363 middle school students which include regular education students, resource students, and self-contained students. The school is located in Marlboro County which has the third highest unemployment rate in the state of South Carolina.

Bennettsville Middle School met 13 out of 17 objectives for the 2010-2011 school term. The Marlboro County School District made many changes to the school for the 2011-2012 school year. The first change was assigning a new principal. Dr. Secaida Howell was assigned to the middle school for the new year. He brought a new slogan, "Changing Our Conversation", to the school learning environment. Dr. Howell's keys to success were to be in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment, and making the right decision. Discipline referrals were cut by 20% this year due to his leadership and vision. Several of our students were recognized in the county and beyond for academic endeavors including the regional science fair winner, to name one example. Bennettsville Middle School won the county cleanliness award three times during the 2011-2012 school term which is a testament to our teachers, staff, students, and custodial staff. Our athletic teams won multiple conference championships this year including football and boys & girls basketball. Moving forward to the 2012-2013 school year Bennettsville Middle School is consolidating with Blenheim Elementary Middle School into a brand new school facility.

Dr. Secaida D. Howell, Principal
 Tabitha Tedder, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	10	87	24
Percent satisfied with learning environment	70.0%	70.1%	68.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	70.0%	74.7%	56.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	20.0%	86.0%	81.0%

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

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