



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Middle School of Pacolet**  
**Spartanburg School District 3**  
**Grades: 6-8** Enrollment: 220  
**Principal: Kenny Blackwood**  
**Superintendent: Dr. James O. Ray**  
**Board Chair: Mr. Eddie Dearybury**

## 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	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2011	Good	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

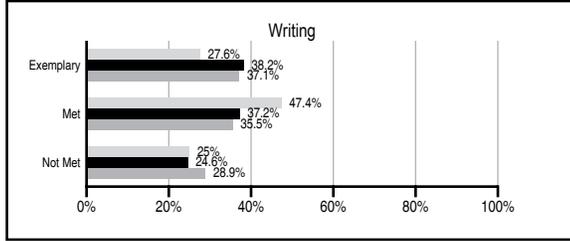
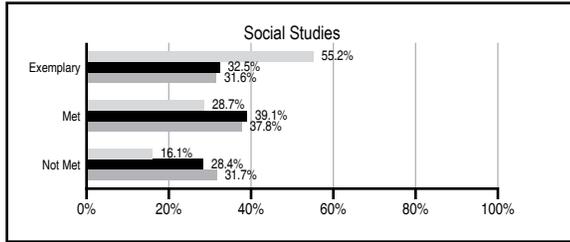
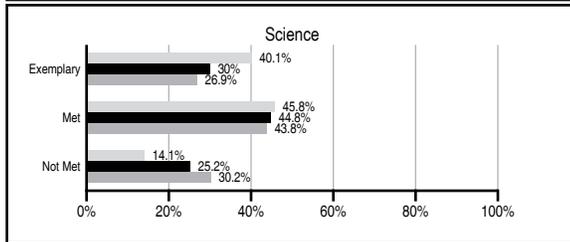
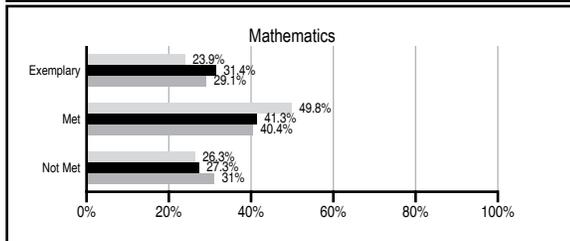
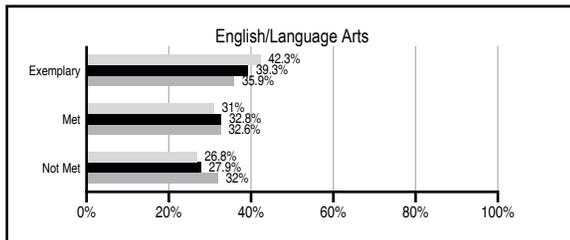
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	24	28	1	0

\* 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.

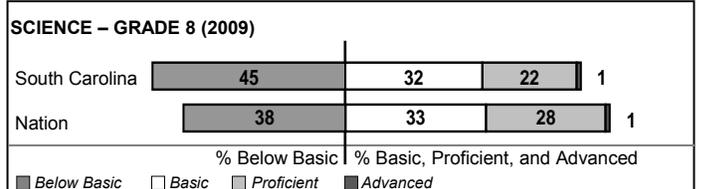
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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.



## 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	100.0	97.1
English 1	N/A	93.4
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	96.6

## 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=220)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	14.4%	Down from 17.3%	34.2%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.9%	0.7%	0.8%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.1%	96.0%	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	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.9%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=12)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 50.0%	61.2%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	75.9%	Down from 78.1%	88.2%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.2%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,272	Up 5.2%	\$46,948	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.9%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.6 days	Down from 22.7 days	10.5 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Down from 24.7 to 1	22.9 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Up from 90.4%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.5%	Down from 100.0%	98.3%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,906	Down 11.1%	\$6,941	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	49.7%	Up from 49.3%	64.3%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	48.1%	Up from 42.5%	62.5%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	88.7	N/A	87.7	88.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	12	70	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	75.7%	86.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	89.9%	80.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	84.3%	87.3%

\*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 Middle School of Pacolet is a diverse, rural school that serves the Pacolet, Pacolet Mills, Central Pacolet, Bethesda Road and Whitestone Communities. The school serves over two hundred, twenty students- sixth through eighth grades. With a small community school atmosphere, we offer students personal, one-on-one interaction with teachers, staff, coaches, and classmates while providing many learning opportunities found in larger schools.

One of our major initiatives for 2011-2012 was continuous support of our K-8 instructional model. The K-8 instructional model brings teachers, staff, and students together to improve curriculum, improve transitions, share curriculum, align field studies, align school calendars, create student mentor programs and create a sense of family between the two campuses.

Another major initiative for 2011-2012 school year was the implementation of the internationally recognized Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Our school joined hundreds of schools throughout the world in adopting a leading research-based program to prevent bullying. This program has proven it can reduce bullying and make schools safer, happier places for students to learn.

Analyzing the results Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments allowed us to make instructional changes in order to benefit each individual student in an immediate and well-informed manner. We implemented math and reading enrichment classes at each grade level. A smaller teacher-student ratio allowed teachers the opportunity to continue the individualized instruction that begins in the regular classroom. Students, parents, and teachers were pleased with students' success in these classes.

Middle School of Pacolet was the recipient of a state Palmetto Silver Award for 2010-2011 and four SC/NSPRA Awards for Excellence. The implementation of the First in Math Program gave students the opportunity to complete thousands of math problems in an exciting way. The computer software tracked school, class, and student progress. Our school finished second in the state and solved over three million math problems.

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) were very involved in the decision making at our schools. As a result, our instructional, volunteer, and positive behavior programs throughout the year were enhanced and improved.

The commitment of all stakeholders in the Pacolet community has assisted in the continued increase of student achievement, a positive school climate, and several school awards – Palmetto Silver Award, First in Math Award, and several publication awards. It is with great INDIAN PRIDE that we share these accomplishments with you.

Max Deaton, Campus Principal  
 Tammy Stephens, SIC Chairperson  
 Kenny Blackwood, Supervisory Principal

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