



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**A.R. Rucker Middle School**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**Grades: 6-8** Enrollment: 553  
**Principal: Phillip N. Mickles**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Richard E. Moore**  
**Board Chair: Mr. Robert Parker**

## 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
2014	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2013	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

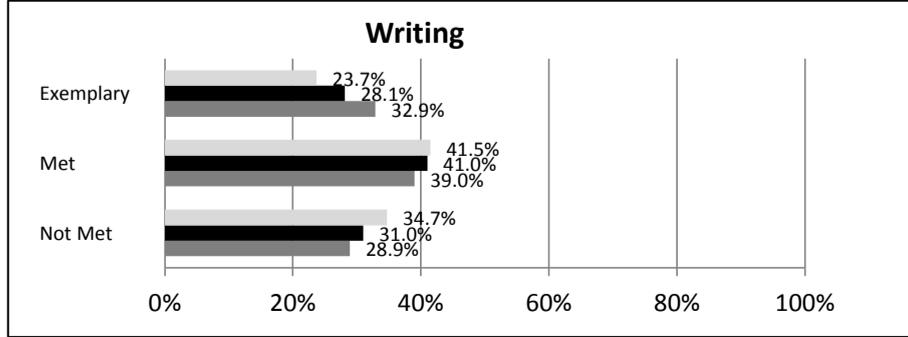
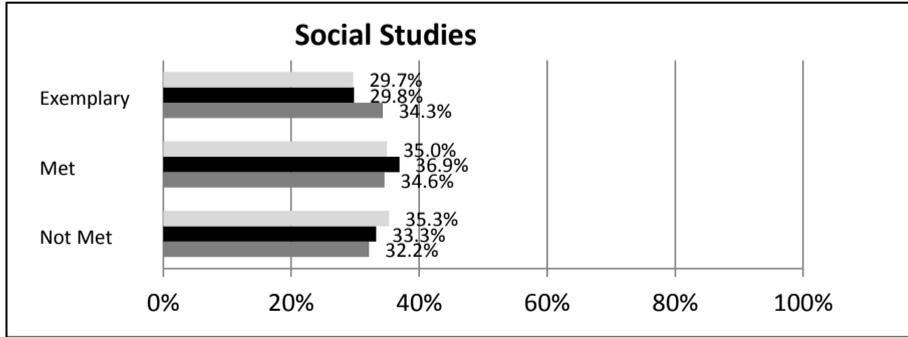
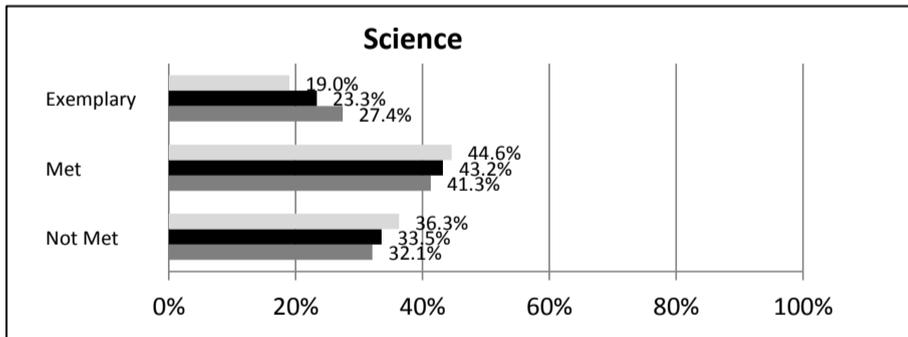
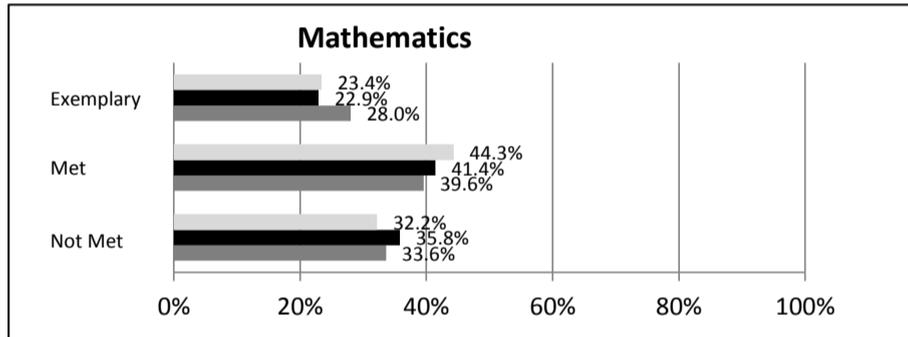
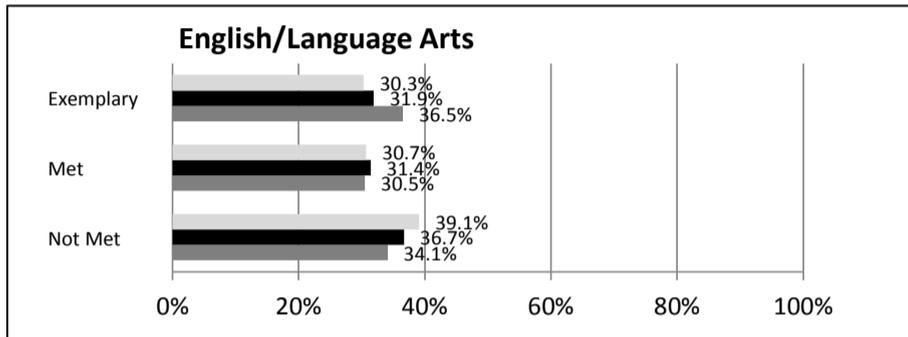
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	6	51	6	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

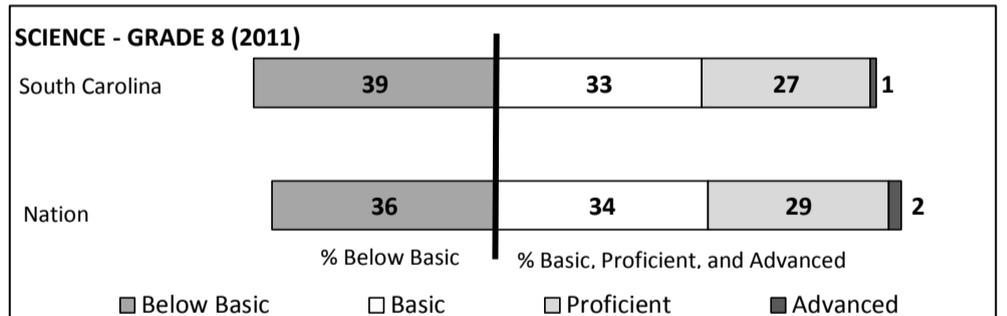
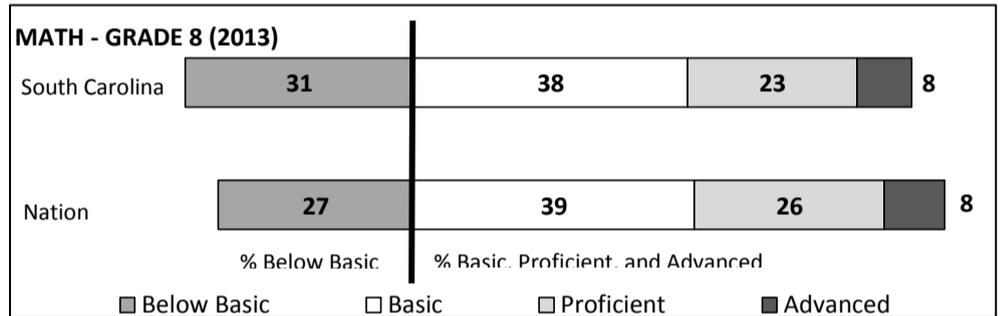
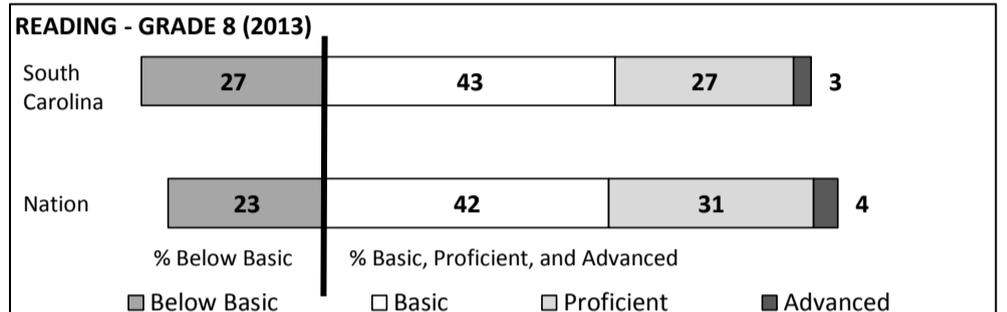
## SC PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle Schools Statewide



## NAEP\*

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



## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% 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%	96.9%
English 1	N/A	95.2%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	96.8%

## 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 Schools
<b>Students (n = 553)</b>				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	24.4%	Down from 41.9%	21.7%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 0.8%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.6%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.6%	Up from 12.1%	15.4%	19.4%
With disabilities	17.3%	Down from 17.9%	14.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.3%	Down from 4.8%	5.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.2%	Down from 4.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.5%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 38)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.2%	Up from 59.0%	58.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	63.2%	Down from 69.2%	75.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.3%	Up from 79.5%	83.0%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.4%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,854	Up 2.9%	\$46,560	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	24.4%	Up from 9.0%	6.7%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	9.3 days	Up from 5.5 days	12.0 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Up from 17.0 to 1	20.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Up from 89.0%	90.0%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.3%	Up from 92.6%	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,911	Up 11.1%	\$7,520	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.0%	No change	61.0%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.8%	Up from 65.0%	60.3%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	71.3	Up from 71.1	71.5	77.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	170	126
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.8%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.7%	84.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.4%	90.1%	67.2%

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

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**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, Aaron Riley Rucker Middle School focused on our theme Ubuntu (oo-BOON-too). Ubuntu is bringing people together. People think of themselves as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole world. Ubuntu is we Not me! Because of this we were able to achieve Palmetto Silver again. We have attained Palmetto Silver three of the last four years. Our school and many of our students received recognition for their outstanding performances in academics, sports, arts, and much more. The sustained implementation of our International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Programme and focus on literacy helped drive our instruction. More importantly, students discovered how their unique talents, when developed, become pipelines for future careers. Teachers, administrators, counselors, and all other staff members worked together to create a culture that breeds success. We concentrated on learning activities designed to address multiple learning styles and achievement or developmental levels. Although there is still plenty of room for improvement and much work remains to be done, the positive trends in achievement for our students give us greater confidence and serve as a motivating factor to stay the course in our commitment to continuous improvement.

Phillip Mickles, Principal

Paula Stegall Lail, School Improvement Council Chair

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