



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Middle School
LANCASTER COUNTY

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 576

Principal: Joyce Crimminger

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	Below Average	TBD	TBD	D	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A

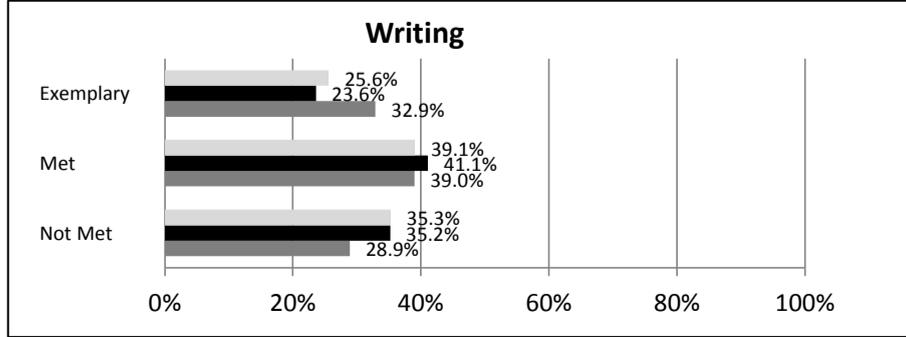
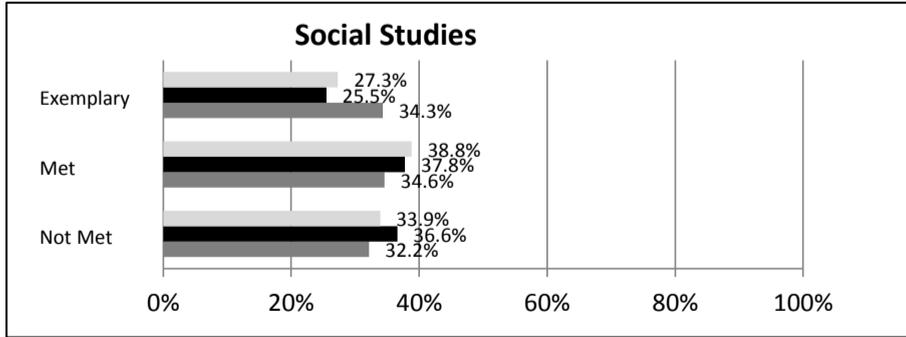
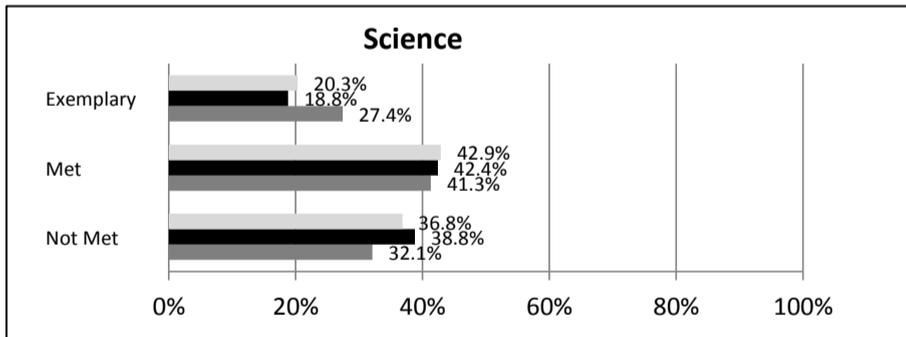
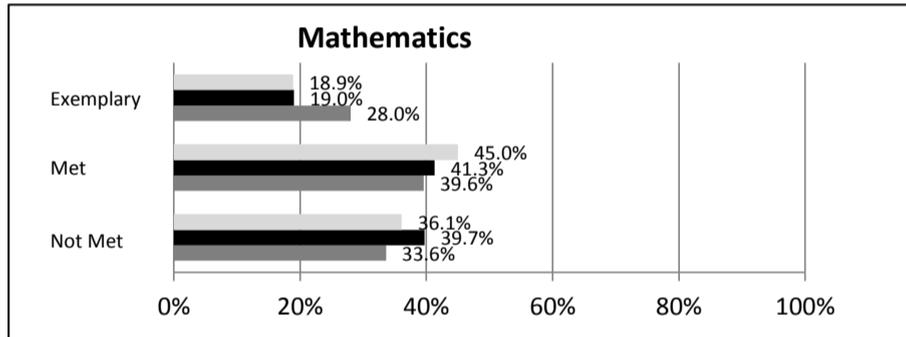
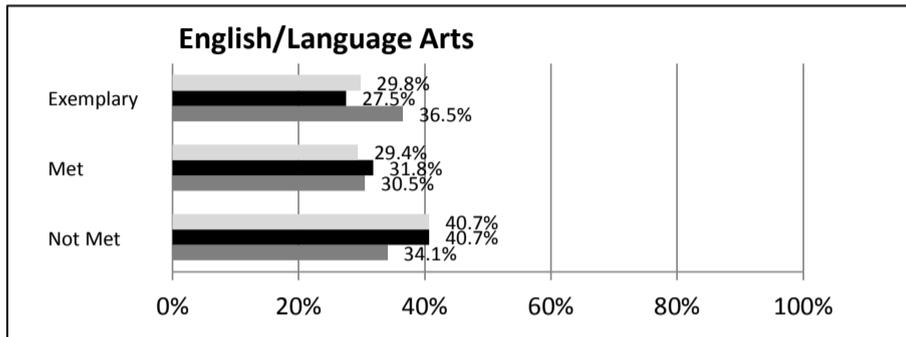
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	47	11	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.

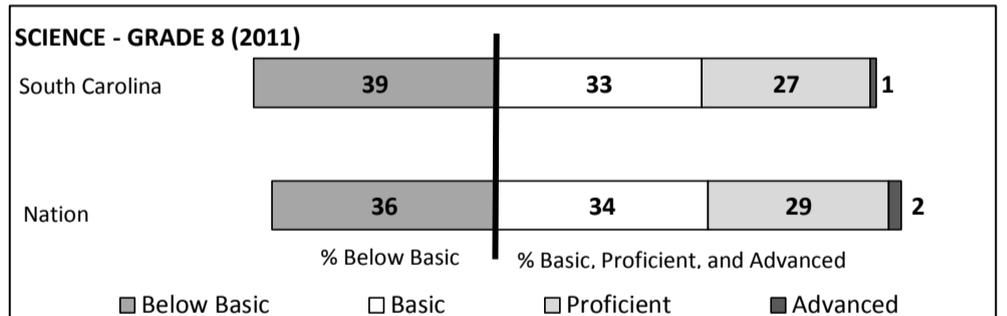
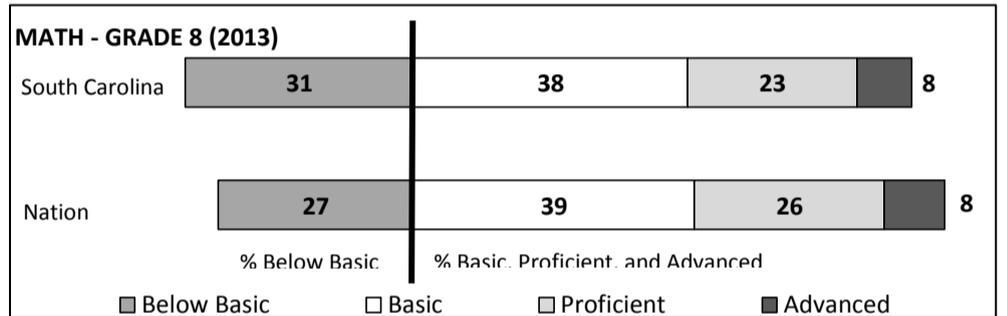
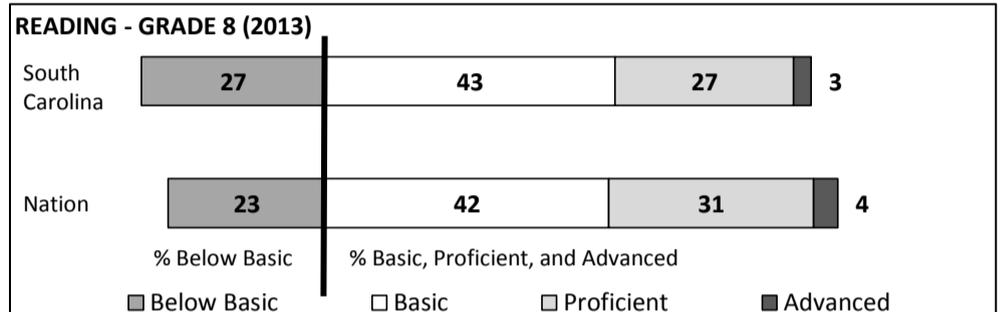
SC PASS PERFORMANCE

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%	97.0%
English 1	N/A	94.9%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	96.7%

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
Students (n = 576)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	27.0%	Up from 19.6%	20.0%	26.0%
Retention rate	1.0%	Up from 0.2%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.8%	Up from 10.8%	14.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	13.0%	No change	14.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.5%	Down from 4.3%	5.4%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Up from 0.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.2%	Down from 71.1%	58.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	76.3%	No change	73.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.4%	Down from 88.6%	83.6%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.1%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,310	Up 3.7%	\$46,869	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	11.8%	Up from 1.5%	5.9%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	12.1 days	Down from 12.4 days	11.5 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	0.4 to 1	Down from 24.4 to 1	20.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 90.9%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	84.6%	Up from 76.7%	99.1%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,756	Up 3.4%	\$7,727	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.0%	Up from 67.0%	61.9%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.6%	Up from 66.0%	60.4%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	68.8	Down from 91.1	70.1	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	184	121
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.0%	76.6%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	77.1%	85.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	76.4%	85.2%	74.8%

*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

South Middle School continued to move forward with academic success and school-wide improvements. The 2013-2014 school year proved to be one of continued growth and successes. Many of our students and teachers were recognized for their contributions and successes both in and out of the classroom. As a National Schools to Watch, South Middle used the STW criteria as a driving force for our school improvement throughout the year. South Middle implemented Chromebooks in all academic classrooms. iPad labs were also made available for students and teachers.

Our school and staff continue to focus on providing students with a rigorous academic program, opportunities for academic assistance during the school day, experiences in the related arts, student-centered activities such as clubs, WSMS, advisor-advisee, rotating time of day instruction, early morning literacy time, and numerous extracurricular opportunities. South's continued partnership with Winthrop University provides our school with professional development opportunities, student interns, and a part-time Winthrop faculty in residence.

South Middle School also has a strong commitment with community service projects. Donations were made to Relay for Life, United Way, SMS Clothes Closet, The American Red Cross, and various other causes.

South Middle School could not have accomplished so much without the help and support of our parents and community. The PTO and School Improvement Council continue to help ensure that our students receive the best educational opportunities possible.

Joyce Crimminger, Principal

Jennifer Page, School Improvement Council Chair

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