



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Buford Middle School  
LANCASTER COUNTY**

**Grades: 6-8**

**Enrollment: 456**

**Principal: Sheryl H. Wells**

**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	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	B	N/A

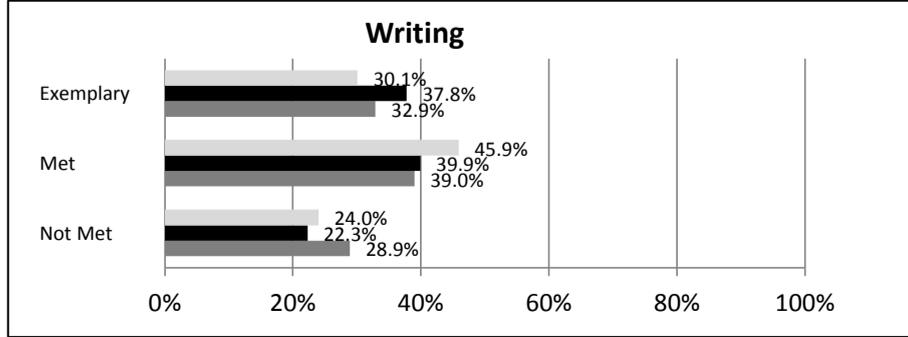
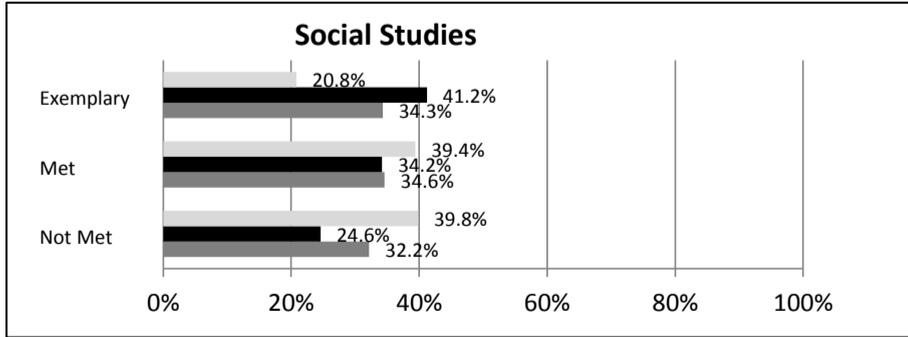
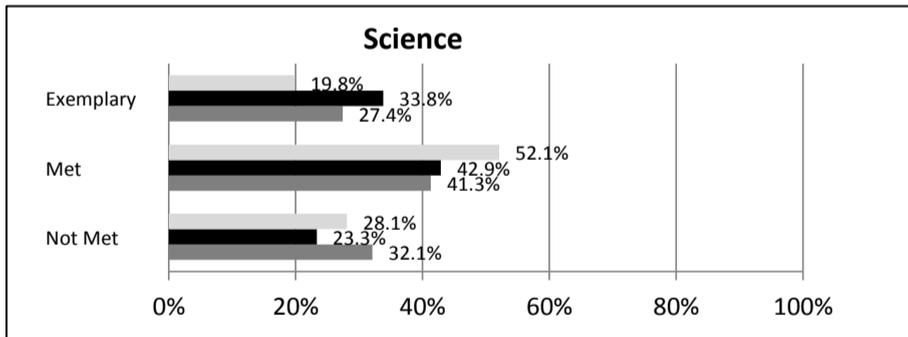
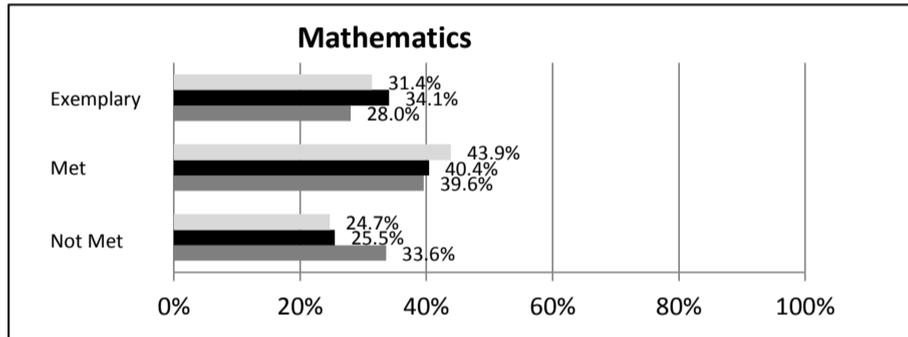
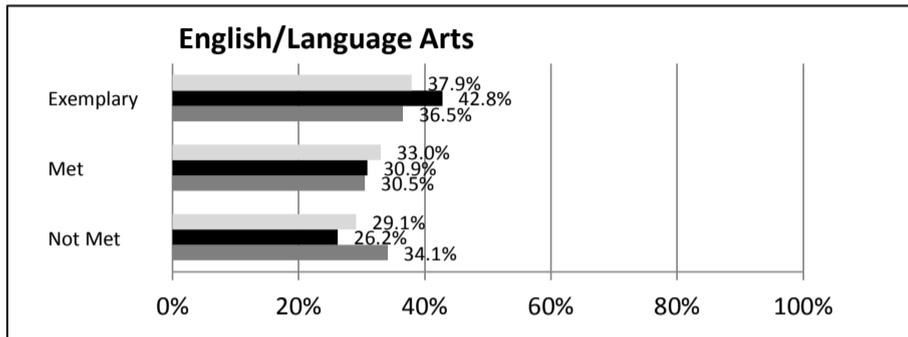
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
13	19	13	0	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.

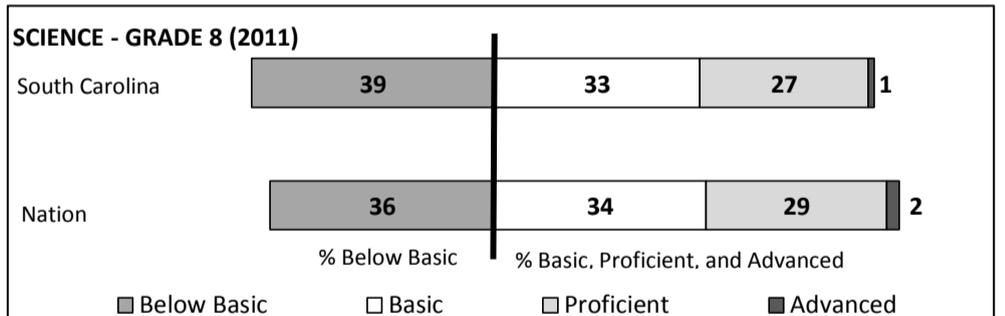
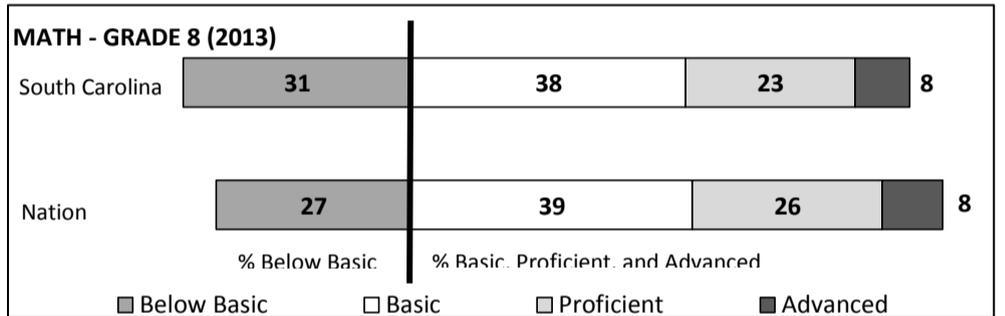
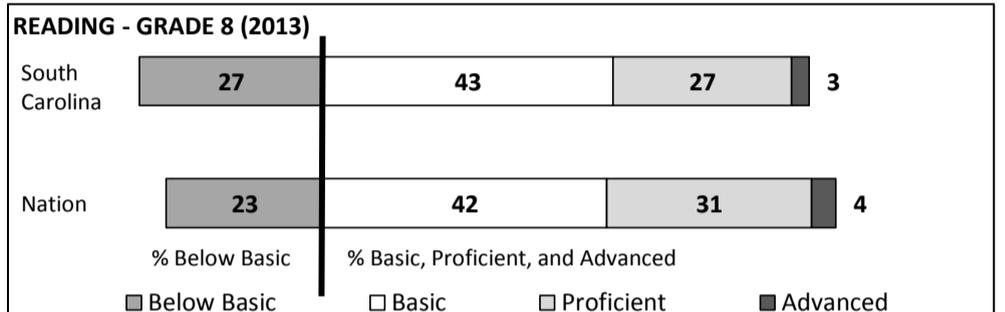
## SC PASS PERFORMANCE

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%	98.3%
English 1	N/A	98.3%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	98.1%

## 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 = 456)</b>				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	24.6%	Up from 17.8%	33.4%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.4%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	21.3%	Up from 20.7%	23.1%	19.4%
With disabilities	12.7%	Up from 11.8%	11.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	5.1%	Down from 5.2%	3.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.6%	Down from 3.8%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 26)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	80.8%	Down from 81.5%	60.8%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	96.2%	Down from 100.0%	80.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	97.4%	Up from 96.2%	87.1%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 94.4%	95.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$55,331	Up 2.1%	\$47,993	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	21.0%	Up from 2.7%	3.3%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	16.7 days	Up from 14.5 days	12.1 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.3 to 1	Down from 26.0 to 1	22.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.4%	Up from 86.0%	90.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 96.1%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,039	Up 7.7%	\$7,144	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.7%	Up from 66.0%	63.1%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.7%	Up from 65.0%	62.0%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	84.4	Up from 83.2	82.6	77.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	20	148	87
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	89.8%	85.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	89.0%	87.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.5%	91.1%	66.7%

\*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**

Buford Middle School believes in the Power of One. During the 2013-2014 school year, our students have studied how one voice, one act, one moment, and one person can indeed make a difference in our world. Buford Middle School wants to empower our students with the knowledge that they can and are making a difference every day. Our faculty and staff have worked diligently to create students that are literate, thinking, contributing members of society.

We are fortunate to have a staff of caring teachers that hold many years of experience. We currently have many teachers that hold National Board Certification and/or have been designated a "Teacher of the Year." Buford Middle School is a literacy based school. We began our 6th year of our summer reading program and continued to promote reading in all content areas. We held school wide reads and writes in an effort to promote this mission with our students.

Our students continue to give back to the community. We participated in food drives for Hope of Lancaster, and raised funds for Relay for Life, Hoops for Hearts, St Jude's Research Hospital for Children, and several other local charities. Many of our students received recognition as National Junior Scholars, Duke TIP Scholars, gained admission into the National Beta Club and the National Jr. Art Society.

We appreciate the support from our students, parents, and community. Working together, we can continue to make a difference.

Sheryl H Wells – Principal

Wendy A. Riner – School Improvement Chair

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