



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Palmetto Middle School**  
**MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Grades: 6-8** Enrollment: **361**  
**Principal: Coleman D. Barbour**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Dan Strickland**  
**Board Chair: Dr. Shawn Johnson**

## 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	Below Average	Good	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2013	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	F	N/A
2012	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

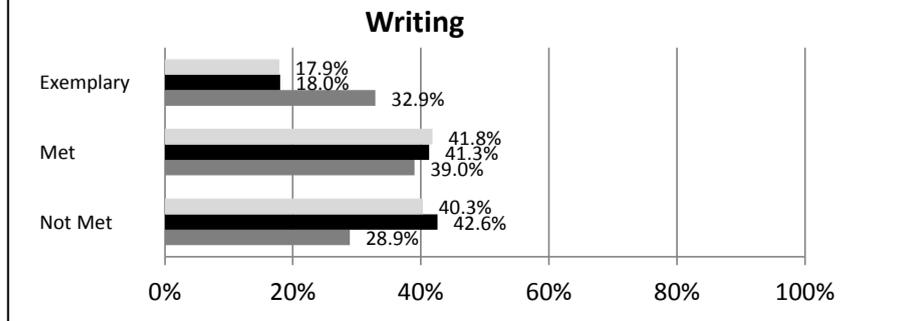
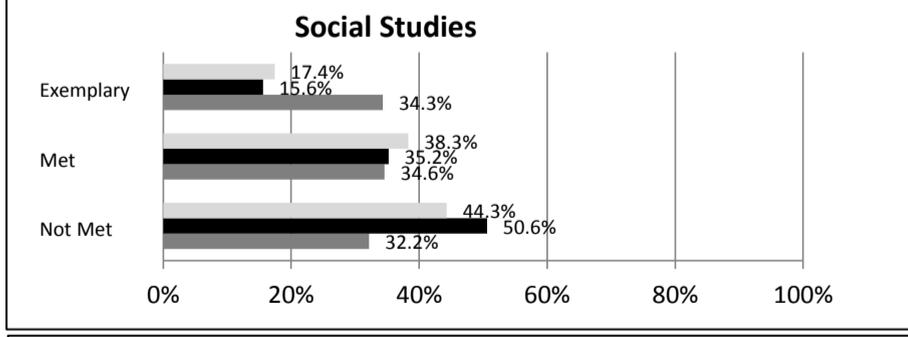
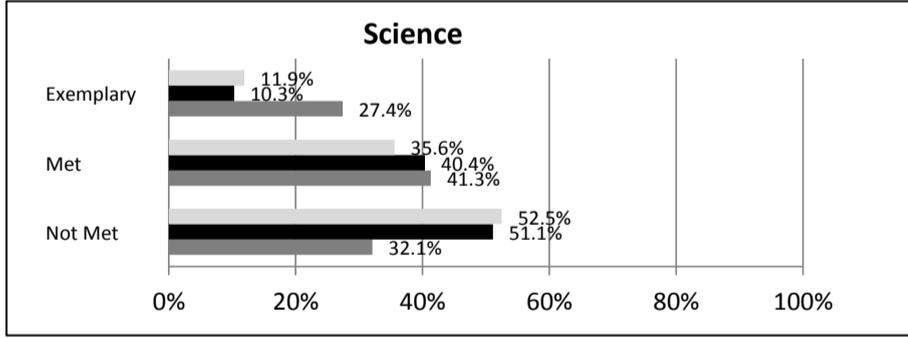
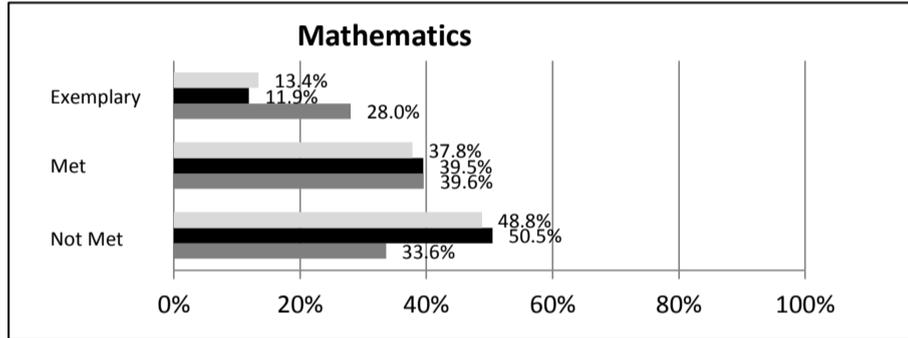
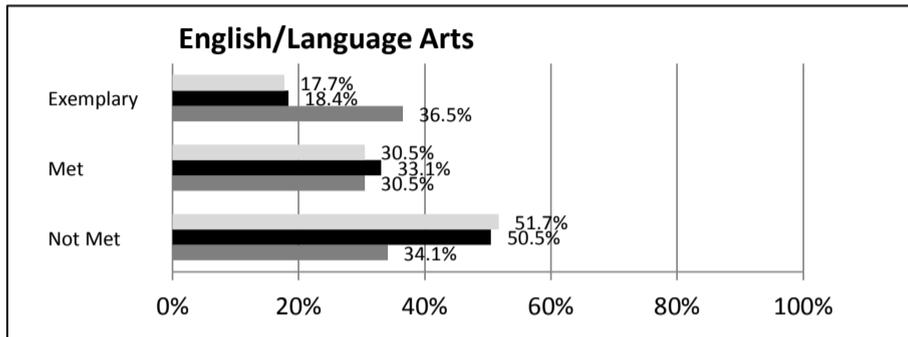
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	16	32	14

\* 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%	93.7%
English 1	N/A	85.2%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	92.0%

## 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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MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
<b>Students (n = 361)</b>				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	8.2%	Up from 0.0%	14.8%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No change	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.7%	95.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.3%	Down from 16.2%	6.8%	19.4%
With disabilities	18.0%	Down from 19.3%	16.0%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Down from 6.2%	7.4%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 1.3%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 27)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Down from 74.1%	58.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	40.7%	Down from 44.4%	60.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	73.2%	Up from 70.5%	76.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	99.2%	Up from 96.0%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,357	Up 7.3%	\$45,152	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.8%	Up from 5.5%	13.9%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	0.4 days	Down from 5.8 days	9.6 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	Down from 22.5 to 1	18.5 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.8%	Up from 90.3%	89.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	98.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,040	Up 26.1%	\$9,541	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.7%	Down from 62.0%	55.8%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.3%	Up from 60.0%	55.1%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	48.2	Up from 47.5	54.4	77.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	113	98
Percent satisfied with learning environment	71.9%	68.1%	74.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	75.0%	64.6%	72.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	46.9%	71.1%	66.0%

\*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**

The motto of Palmetto Middle School is 'EXCELLENCE At Its BEST!' 'NO Excuses!' We believe that working in partnership with students, families, and the community is paramount as we strive for excellence by developing confident, life-long learners.

Palmetto Middle School believes in establishing high expectations for all of its students and their families. In order to continually improve, we must challenge our students, ourselves, and our parents and community members to make greater strides in education. To achieve these goals for all students, the Palmetto Middle School family will maintain its efforts to overcome barriers that prohibit this process. We will continue to provide our students with continued support in every classroom, including related arts programs.

Palmetto Middle School has made many improvements within the 2013-2014 school year. Our campus is beautiful, welcoming, and is a student-centered environment that is conducive to learning. We have proven, that as a Palmetto Middle School Family, that our school is a great place to learn and we have worked diligently to ensure that all of our students are provided a safe, positive, and challenging environment.

A variety of parent and family activities also support the learning of our students at Palmetto Middle School. Families participate in MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Night, Science/Social Studies Curriculum Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and ELA/Math Curriculum Night. An automatic calling system informs parents of events and meetings. Parents also have access to the school and district website for information and a grade level newsletter is sent home monthly.

Areas of concern at Palmetto Middle School include student attendance, tardiness, reading and math levels, teacher retention, and the overall infrastructure for technology. In addition, the disproportionate number of special education and African American students who are achieving below grade level is also a factor that impedes student progress. Although, these issues are being addressed, they may have an adverse effect on future report card ratings.

However, the Palmetto Middle School Family believes that our staff and students are capable of reaching our quest for EXCELLENCE, and we accept the challenge and prepare to celebrate our growth towards our goal, 'EXCELLENCE At Its BEST!' 'NO Excuses!'

Barry Hemingway, SIC President

Rechel Anderson, Principal

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