



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

R. C. Edwards Middle
PICKENS COUNTY

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 766

Principal: Gary Culler

Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.

Board Chair: Alex Saitta

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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A

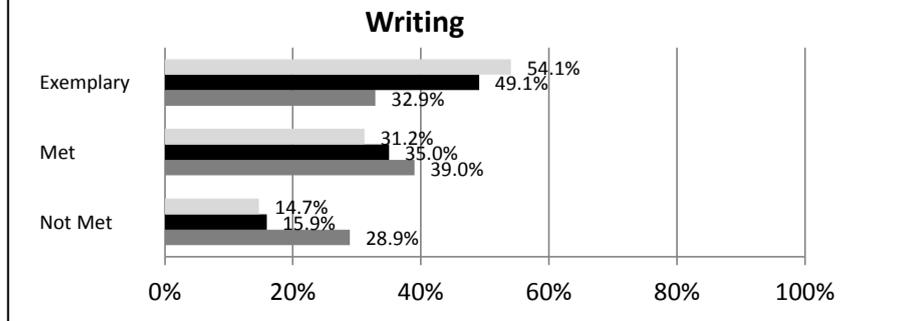
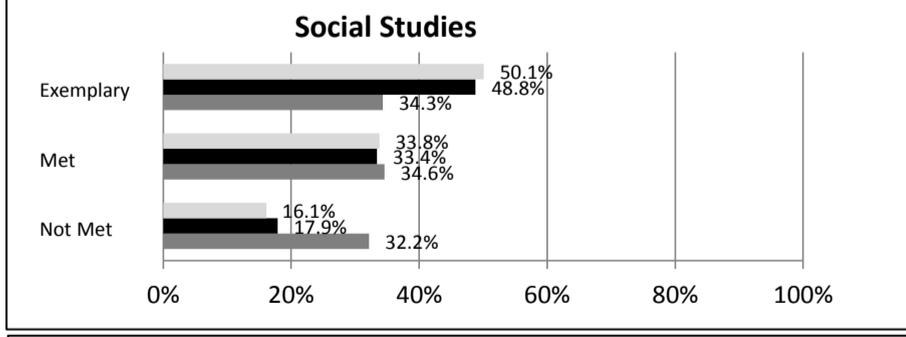
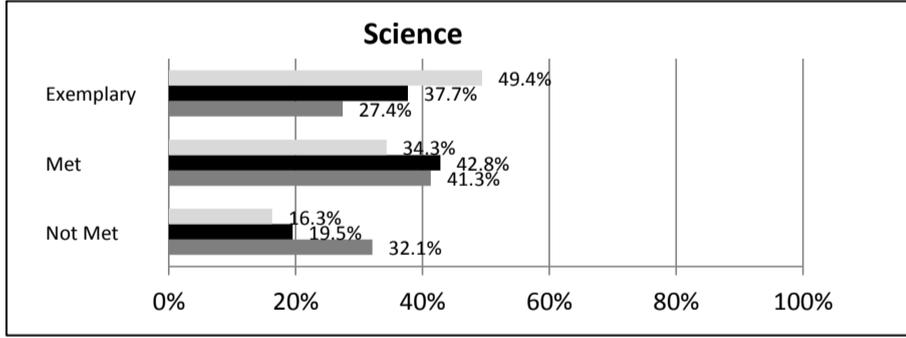
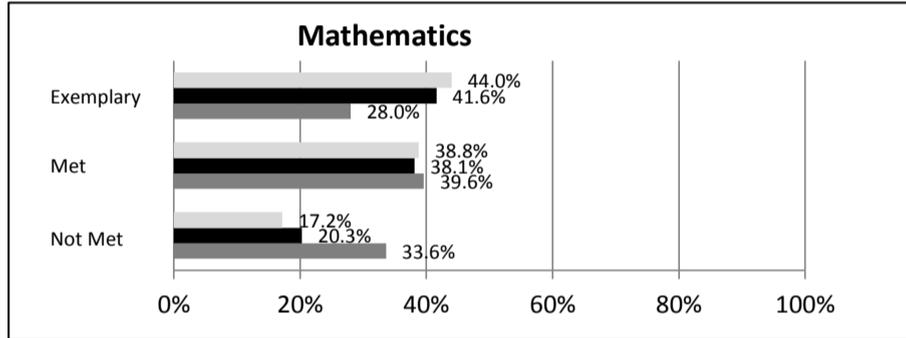
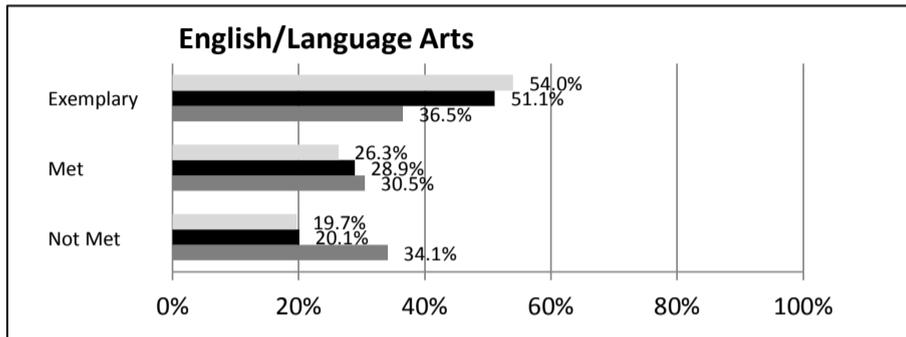
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	4	1	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.

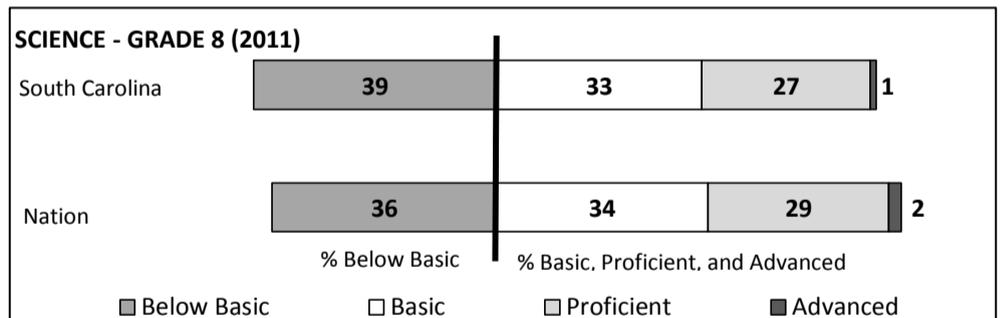
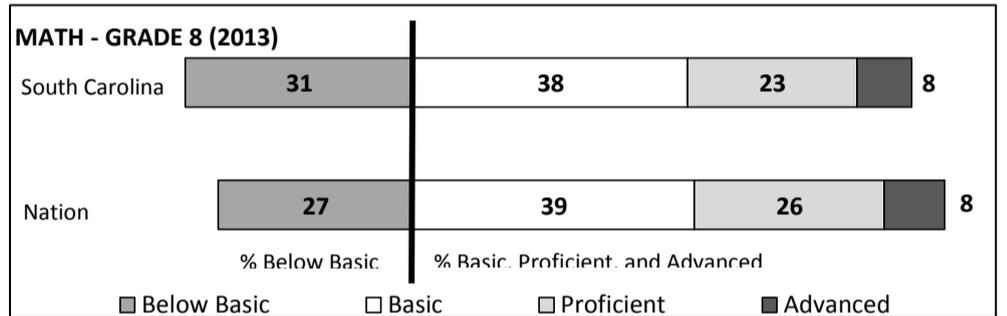
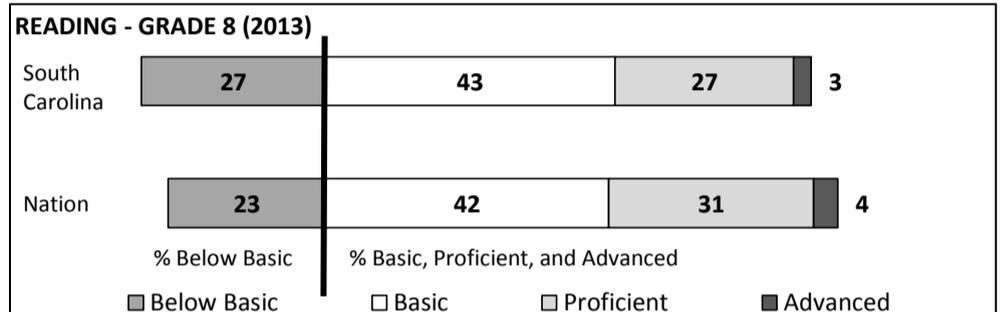
SC PASS PERFORMANCE

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%	98.4%
English 1	98.9%	99.1%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	100.0%	100.0%
All Subjects	99.6%	98.6%

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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PICKENS COUNTY**

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
Students (n = 766)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	49.3%	Up from 43.9%	43.9%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.5%	97.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	41.0%	Up from 38.0%	31.6%	19.4%
With disabilities	10.9%	Down from 12.2%	10.0%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.5%	Down from 4.1%	2.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 3.5%	0.2%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 45)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 64.4%	68.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	86.7%	Down from 95.6%	84.3%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.4%	Up from 88.4%	90.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 92.5%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,331	Up 0.6%	\$48,149	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	Up from 0.0%	2.7%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	7.8 days	Up from 6.8 days	8.6 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.1 to 1	Up from 25.7 to 1	25.0 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	No change	91.4%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.5%	Up from 88.2%	99.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Below Average	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,502	Down 0.0%	\$6,785	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.0%	Down from 62.0%	62.9%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.7%	Up from 58.0%	61.9%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	85.8	Up from 83.5	87.2	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	45	250	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	80.4%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8%	81.6%	79.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.8%	90.7%	55.8%

*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

The 2013-14 school year has been a year of achievement for our school. It is the mission of R.C. Edwards Middle School to “..Promote high standards of academic achievement, person achievement, and career development in a safe environment”, and we have accomplished this through a multitude of opportunities. R. C. Edwards was awarded a Palmetto Gold Award for overall student achievement for the sixth consecutive year by the S.C. Department of Education. Our Algebra 1 classes scored an average of 94% and our English 1 classes had an average of 92% on the South Carolina End of Course Exams. Our Festival Band won top honors in the New York Band Festival. The MATHCOUNTS team also placed in the state competition. R.C. Edwards also had 40 Junior Scholars and 24 students recognized by the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Our SIC identified the transition into sixth grade as an area for potential improvement last year. Through several meetings with community members, feeder elementary schools, and other stakeholders, the beginnings of a program have emerged. R.C. Edwards I implemented a homeroom period for all grades this year. This homeroom will remain together as an advisory period for the three years a student attends R.C. Edwards Middle. We have run all of our intramural sports through this homeroom to strengthen the bonds between the teachers and students. We have also expanded our information sessions for parents and students during registration. We have also addressed the need for more foreign languages in the middle school. All of our sixth graders have the opportunity to take Latin for six weeks through a virtual curriculum. Through a partnership with D.W. Daniel High School, we have also been able to offer German to our eighth grade. R.C. Edwards is also embracing the opportunities offered through the SC Virtual School by providing students with the time and hardware to access classes at home or school.

Gary Culler, Principal and Susan Batson, SIC / PTSSO Chair

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