



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Liberty Middle School
PICKENS COUNTY

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 517

Principal: Donivan Edwards

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	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2013	Good	Average	N/A	SILVER	B	N/A
2012	Average	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A

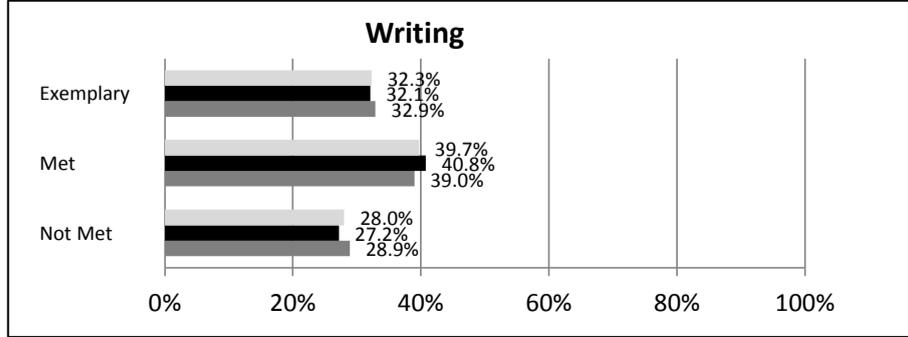
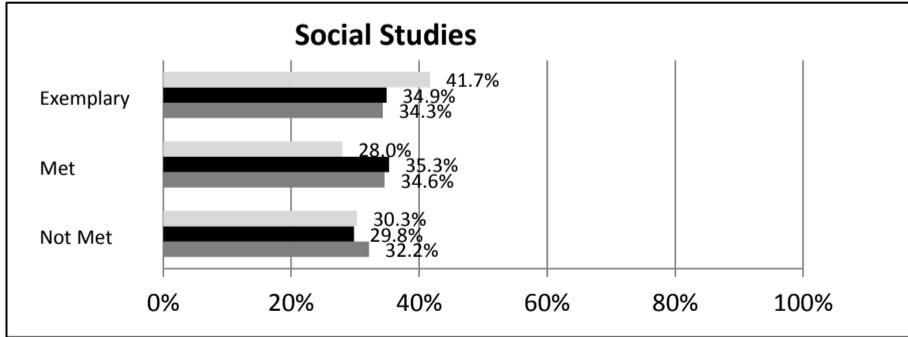
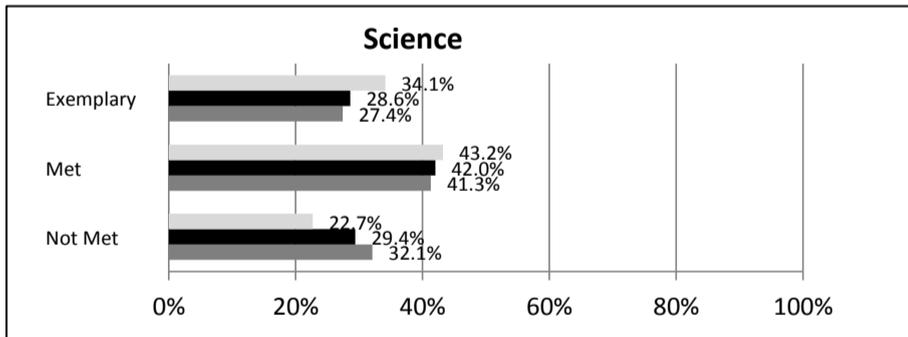
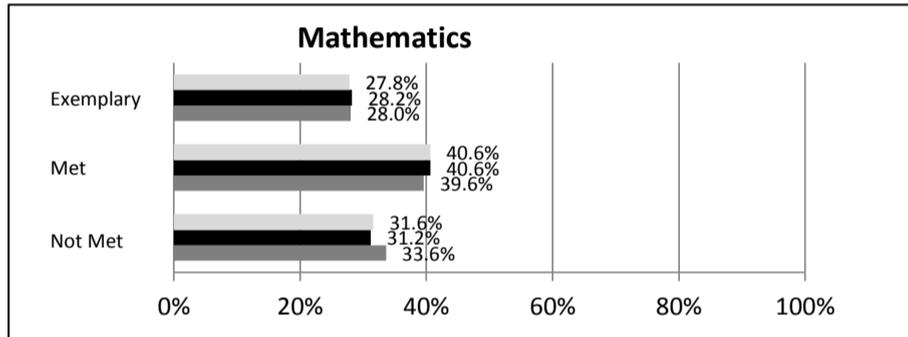
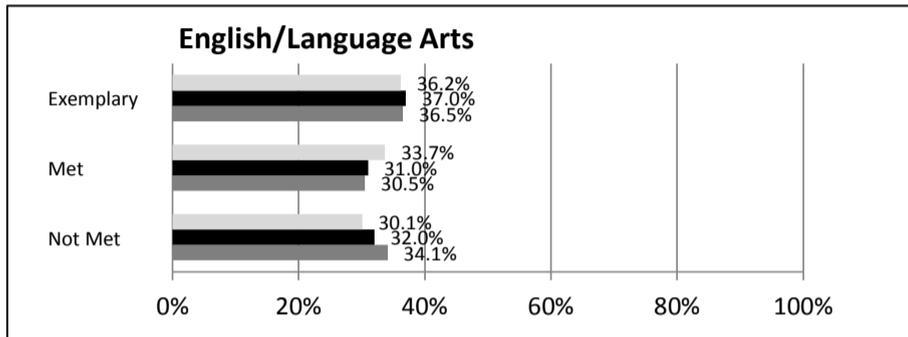
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	16	41	3	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.

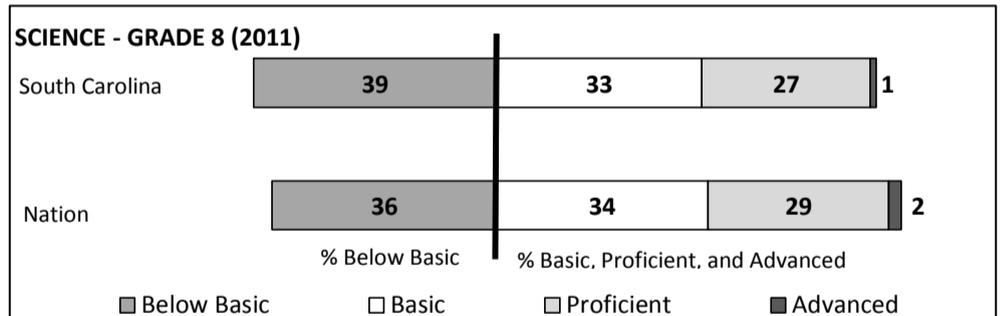
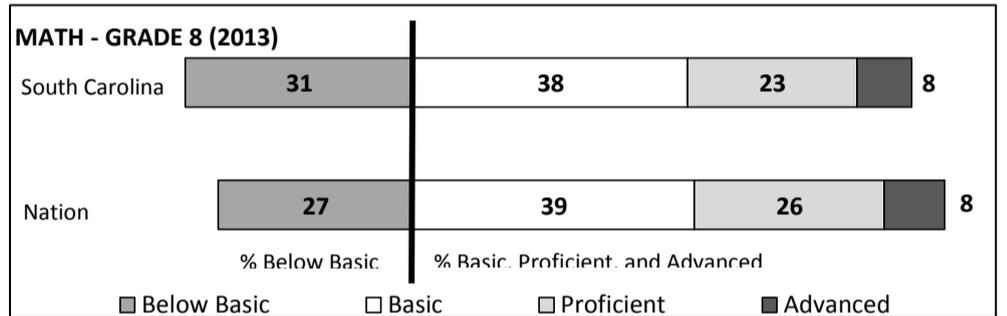
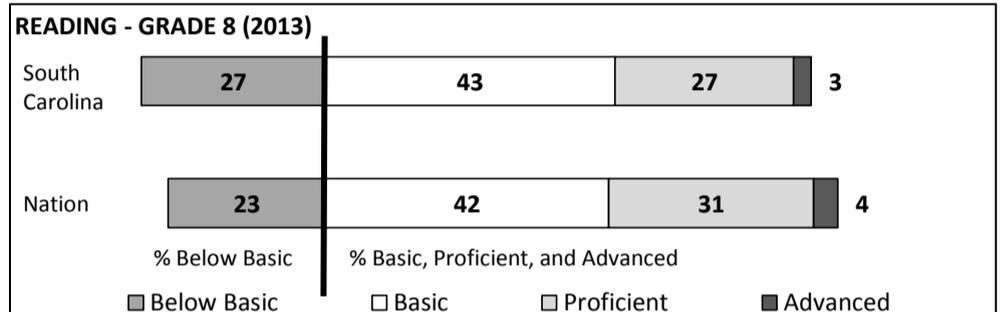
SC PASS PERFORMANCE

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	97.8%	95.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	99.0%	97.9%

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 = 517)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	75.5%	Up from 52.9%	26.7%	26.0%
Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 0.4%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.1%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.9%	Up from 18.5%	20.9%	19.4%
With disabilities	11.1%	Down from 13.8%	13.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	7.4%	Up from 7.2%	5.0%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	Down from 1.1%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 37)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.3%	Down from 72.2%	61.8%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	83.8%	Down from 94.4%	78.8%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.8%	Down from 87.0%	85.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.1%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,724	Down 3.9%	\$47,513	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.1%	Up from 0.0%	4.9%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	8.9 days	Up from 7.7 days	11.5 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/A	22.5 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5%	Up from 88.2%	89.8%	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	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,540	Up 29.3%	\$7,269	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.8%	Down from 65.0%	62.0%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.5%	Up from 63.0%	61.3%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	77.9	Down from 86.2	77.9	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	16	131	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	81.3%	72.5%	70.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.5%	77.1%	73.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.0%	83.8%	47.1%

*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 2013-2014 school year has been an exciting one for Liberty Middle School. We have continued to improve our academic standing and for the first time we received an rating of "GOOD" on our South Carolina state report card. We completed our fifth consecutive year of test score improvement and were awarded our third consecutive Palmetto Gold/Silver award.

Academic highlights included a continuing emphasis on STEM education. Our sixth graders completed outstanding STEM projects and we entered two eighth grade teams in the regional glider competition. One of these teams finished third in the competition. We had a winner in the county Art competition and we had a record number of students named Duke Tip Scholars and SC Junior Scholars.

Our students also gave back to the community in a variety of ways. Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Christmas is for Kids were beneficiaries of our students efforts. Veterans were invited to a special Veteran's Day program where they received the accolades of our students.

Our school was recognized by the United States Department of Education as a model for single-gender education and we had several groups come to observe. For the second year in a row we partnered with Clemson University in the ILEP program which brought five teachers from Africa and Asia to our school during second semester. Our athletic teams continued to be successful and our boys football team delivered an undefeated season.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and it's programs!

Donivan Edwards-Principal

Lisa Hackney-SIC Chair

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