

Cowpens Middle School

150 Foster St.
Cowpens, SC 29330



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	6-8 Middle	Principal:	Cynthia D. James
Enrollment:	455 students	Superintendent:	Dr. James O. Ray
School Phone:	864-279-6400	Board Chair:	Shannon Gault
School Website:	http://cms.spartanburg3.org/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

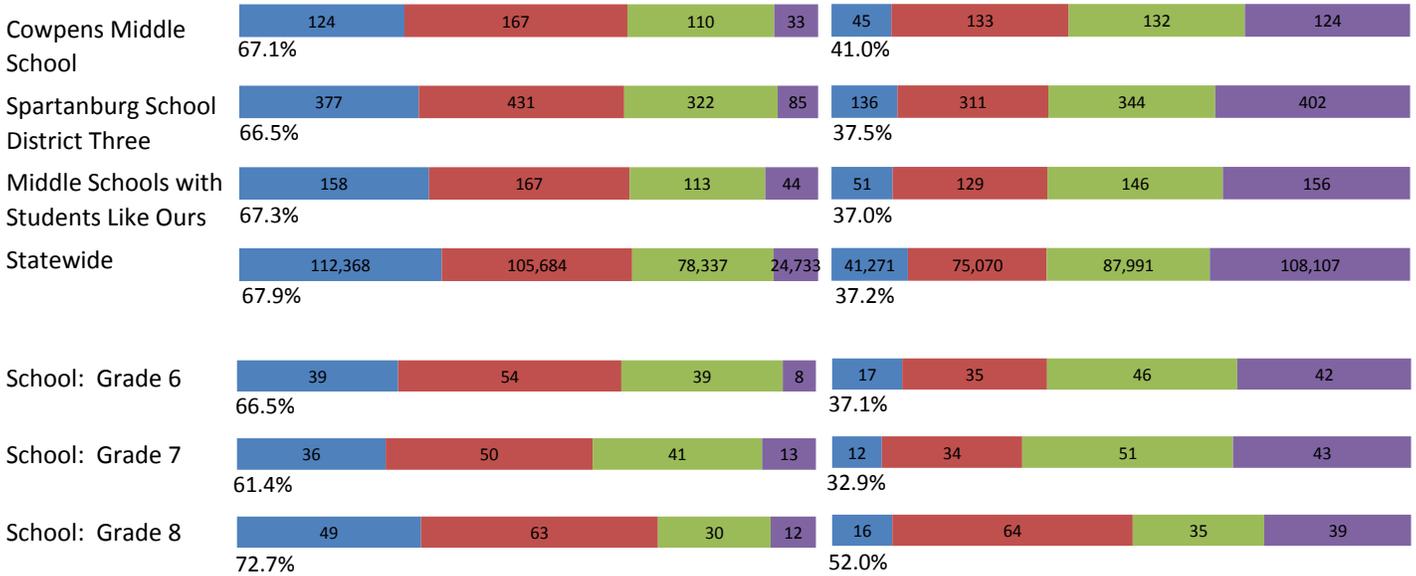
Cowpens Middle School promoted the theme of "World Class" for the 2014-2015 school year. With student success at the forefront of every decision, the faculty, staff, and administration collaborated to provide each student with the necessary skills for college or a career. Providing students with Enrichment and Red Raider Reading classes daily were two avenues to academic success. Students also worked on Mental Math activities and Core Bites to enhance math skills. Teachers met in Vertical Teams to continue to work together to share best practices. A focus on writing prepared our students for the new ACT Aspire writing assessment. "Graduation Room" provided students a venue to complete or work on the quality of their assignments. CMS students continued to be "World Class" in all areas. Ten 8th grade students were honored as Junior Scholars; two of our eighth students were selected to attend Spartanburg County's Scholars Academy on the campus of USC Upstate for the 2015-16 school year; one 8th grade student was selected to attend the Spartanburg Community College Early College High School; one 8th grade student was selected to attend the Governor's School for the Arts, and another was selected to attend a summer ballet program in Pittsburgh. Student performances in our Veterans' Day Program and our Black History Program showcased their creativity, writing and speaking skills, in conjunction with their musical talents. Our school's generosity extended into the community with contributions to Relay for Life, the Children's Assistance Fund, and Blessings in a Back Pack. The school webpage and student registration slideshow presentation both received awards from the S.C. National School Public Relations Association. Parents had opportunities to see student work during our STEM Fair/Student Showcase, and to stay abreast of school happenings with our Facebook page and Twitter. The middle school years are full of excitement and change, with this year being no exception. Cowpens Middle School heralds "A Revolutionary Past" and looks forward to "An Extraordinary Future." Cynthia D. James, Principal Chris Jolley, School Improvement Chairperson

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing

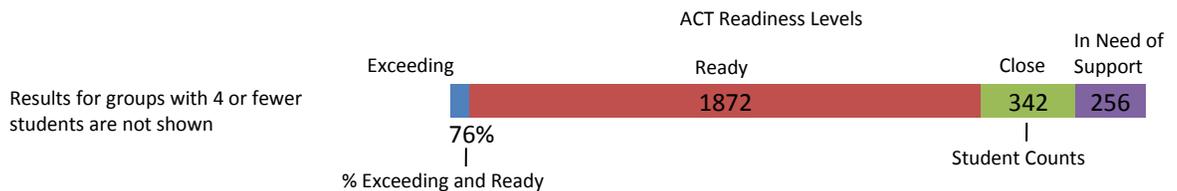
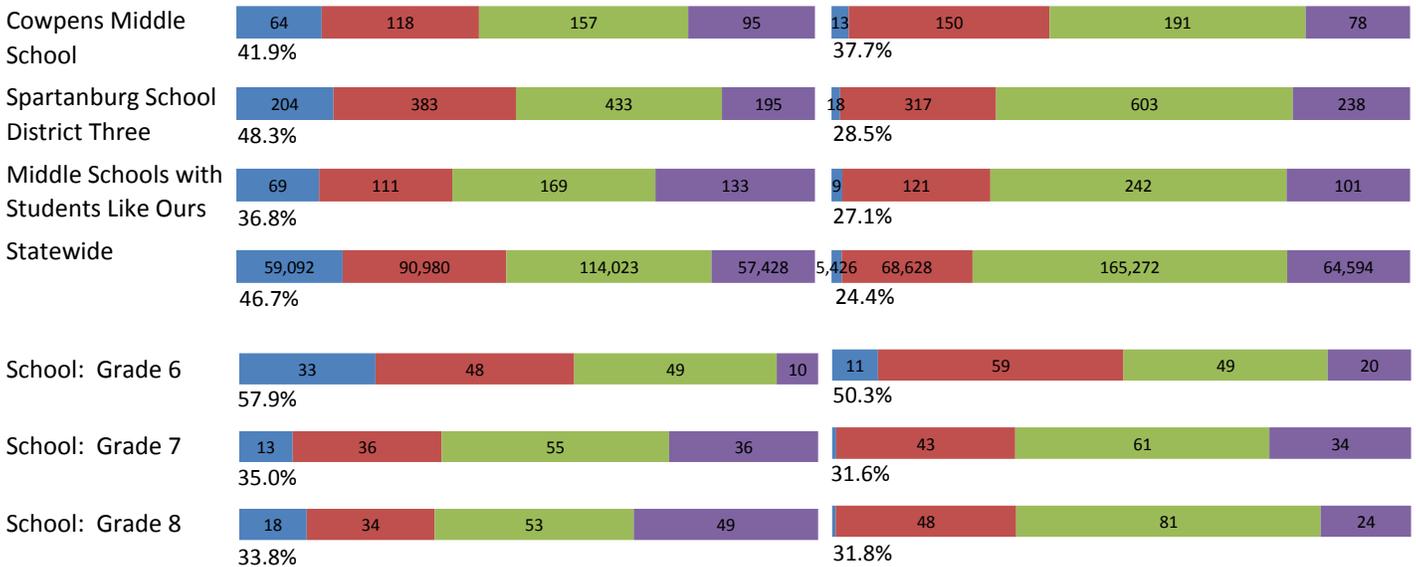
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MATHEMATICS

WRITING



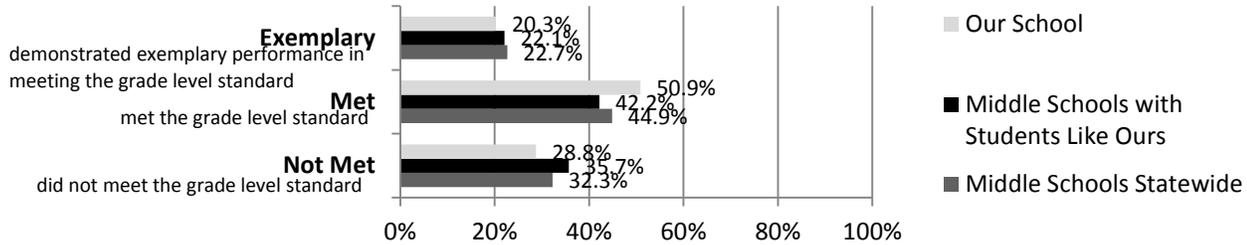
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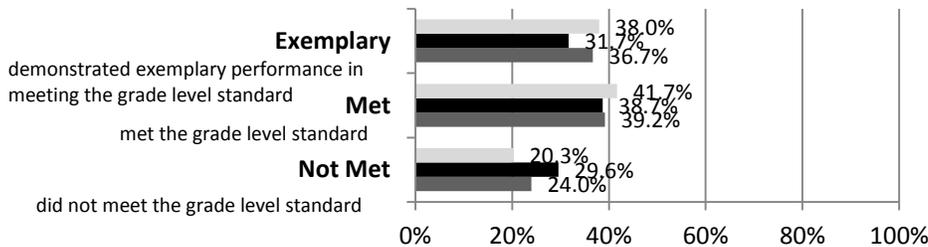
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
78.6	60.7	74.0

Social Studies SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
89.3	72.1	77.9

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	"Exemplary" : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" : student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" : student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests		
Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	96.5
English 1	100	93.2
Biology 1	N/A	66.1
US History and the Constitution	N/A	51.7
All Subjects	100.0	94.9

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 455)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	74.3	Down from 78.9%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	15.8	Up from 14.9%	23.1
Attendance Rate	95.3	Down from 95.8%	95.1
With disabilities	22.9	Up from 20.9%	13.5
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	1.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	30.9	Up from 29.1%	20.1
Percentage of students retained	0.2	No change	0.5
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 32)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	65.6	Up from 61.3%	57.9
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	78.1	Up from 67.7%	78.6
Teachers returning from previous year	80.8	Down from 81.9%	86.6
Teacher attendance rate	96.9	Up from 94.2%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$47,894	Down 2.0%	\$47,104
Professional development days / teacher	14.3 days	Up from 12.0 days	10.3 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5
School			
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	Down from 19.7 to 1	21.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0	Up from 88.7%	88.6
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 98.1%	99.6
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	11.0	N/A	15.2
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	28.3	N/A	24.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.2	N/C	0.9
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.1	N/C	2.0
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.0	Down from 3.7%	3.5
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,104	Down 2.5%	\$7,639
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.8	Up from 54.4%	61.4
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	55.9	Up from 54.8%	62.6

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	141	22
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.0	85.8	90.9
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.9	80.6	90.9
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.8	85.7	81.9

* Only students at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Average	Good

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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