



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:	7-8 Middle	Principal:	Howard Snelling
Enrollment:	787 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Vernon Prosser
School Phone:	803-684-5008	Board Chair:	Betty Johnson
School Website:	http://www.york.k12.sc.us/yms/		



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 ...

York Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by focusing on the four key pillars of our academic program. These core principles are data driven decision making, literacy, extra time/extra help and technology.

Formative and summative assessment data is used to provide our students with the most complete and effective instructional program possible. York Middle School teachers received STEM training this year and look forward to implementing a STEM model. York Middle understands the importance of literacy and has established a schedule that allows for reading time on a daily basis. Our media center sponsors a reading tailgate to encourage reading. This school year, York Middle initiated a "Reading Buddies" program in with our neighboring elementary school. A dedicated group of avid readers partnered with kindergarten students and read with them twice a week. Extra time and extra help was provided to our students through the dedicated effort and determination of our staff. Teachers made themselves available before and after school to assist students.

York Middle School grew exponentially in our technology effort this year. The school purchased iPads for each faculty member and our staff received monthly training on using iPads in the classroom. This technology emphasis inspired the purchase of new iPad carts to equip each of our content/grade level teams next year.

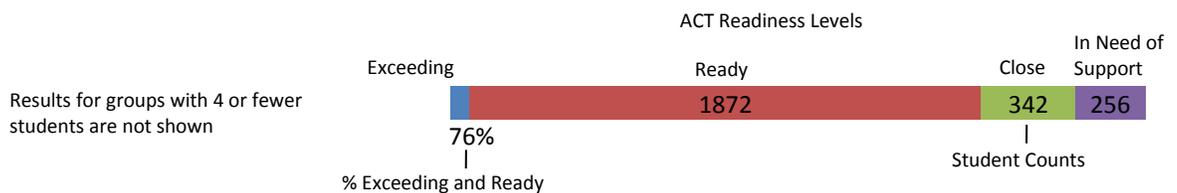
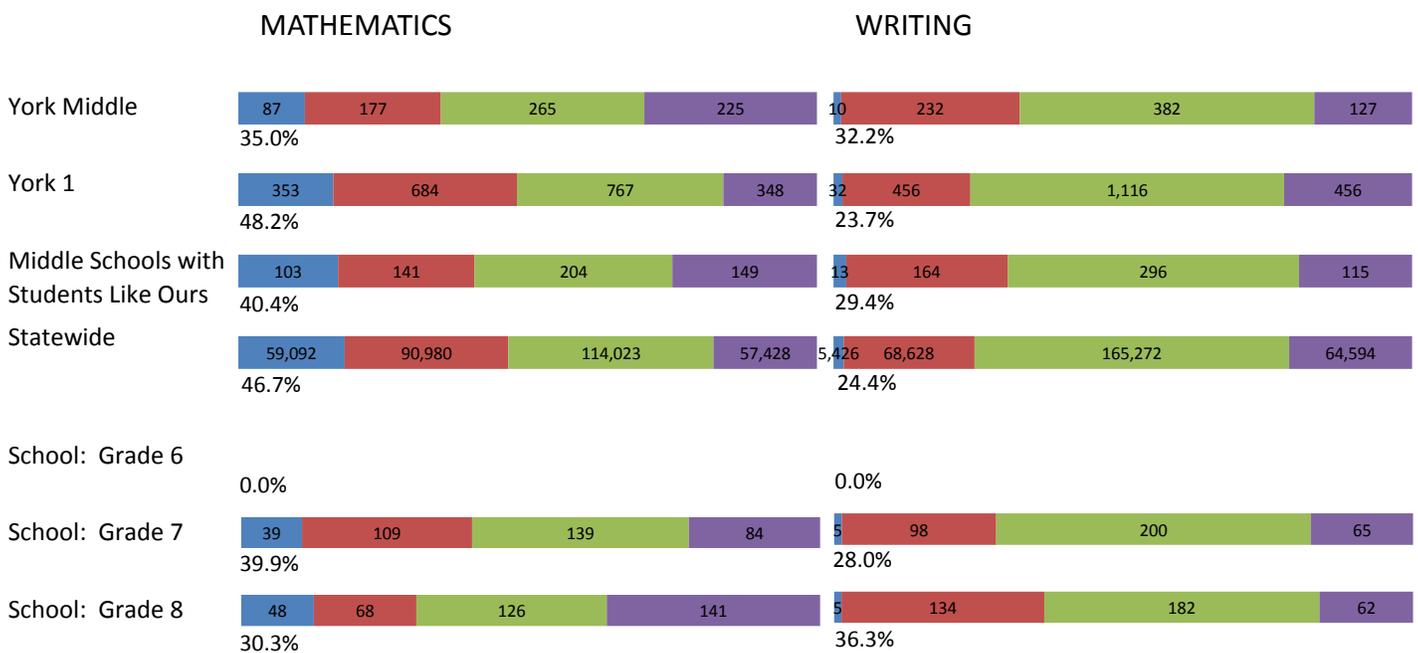
York Middle School was named a SC SRTS Bronze partner. We were named to the Lifesaver's Club by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and awarded a Bronze status by the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. York Middle had 17 students qualify for SC Junior Scholars and inducted 20 students into the National Junior Honor Society. York Middle School students excelled in and out of the classroom. Our 8th grade girls basketball team claimed the York County Western Division championship while our girls softball team wrapped up another perfect season culminating in winning the 2015 YCMSAC Championship. YMS Chorus was named the Grand Champion of the Time to Travel Music Festival and our band named 5 students to the SCBDA Honor Band. In the eighth grade, there were 25 perfect scores Algebra One I and 25 perfect scores in English I on End of Course exams in the spring of 2015.

At York Middle School, we prepare our students for life beyond our doors. We coordinated a vehicle career fair, job shadowing day, college door decorating contest, astronomy night, art exhibit and STEM inventors fair.

York Middle School is a special place where each day we build the foundation for tomorrow by sparking potential and inspiring success. Students leave our care as individuals that possess world class skills and life and career characteristics. We send our students off with the confidence to be successful in high school studies and beyond.

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



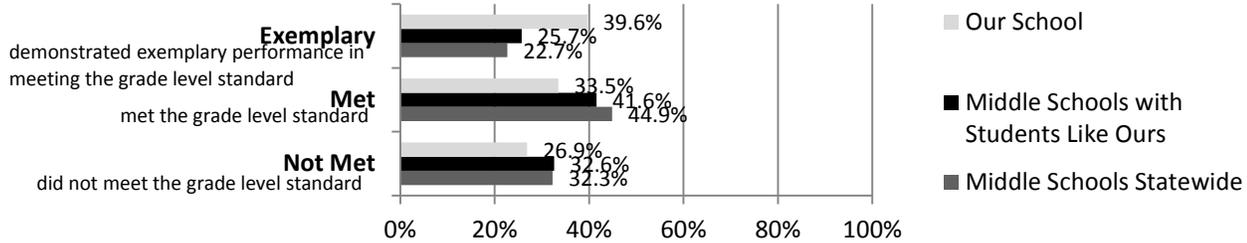
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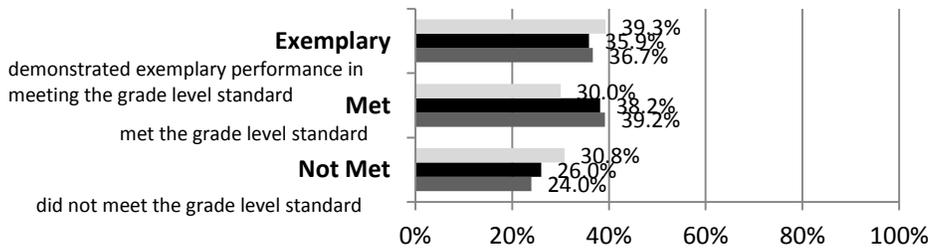
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
N/A	77.4	68.9

Social Studies SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
N/A	61.8	76.4

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	96.7	97.0
English 1	95.7	93.3
Biology 1	N/A	74.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	52.5
All Subjects	96.2	95.4

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 = 787)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	66.9	Down from 73.5%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	22.2	Up from 20.8%	28.6
Attendance Rate	94.2	Down from 94.7%	95.5
With disabilities	13.4	Up from 12.6%	13.2
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	21.2	Up from 19.9%	23.8
Percentage of students retained	0.5	No change	0.6
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 61)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	62.3	Down from 63.5%	64.1
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	68.9	Down from 77.8%	78.6
Teachers returning from previous year	81.8	Down from 86.7%	86.7
Teacher attendance rate	95.4	Up from 95.2%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$45,227	Down 4.5%	\$48,721
Professional development days / teacher	3.0 days	Down from 7.9 days	10.9 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.6
School			
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.5 to 1	Down from 24.7 to 1	23.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.8	Down from 88.8%	88.2
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	99.2	Down from 100.0%	99.8
Character development program	Good	Up from Poor	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	14.0	N/A	14.7
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	14.0	N/A	20.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	0-25%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.7	N/C	1.9
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.2	Up from 0.8%	2.3
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,540	Up 25.1%	\$7,457
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.3	Up from 63.0%	62.2
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	65.0	Up from 63.5%	64.0

* 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	28	363	102
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.8	73.6	90.1
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.9	70.0	85.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.2	83.8	63.4

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

State Ratings History of School

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

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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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