



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blacksburg Middle

Cherokee

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 449

Principal: Virgil Hampton

Superintendent: Dr. William B. James

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A

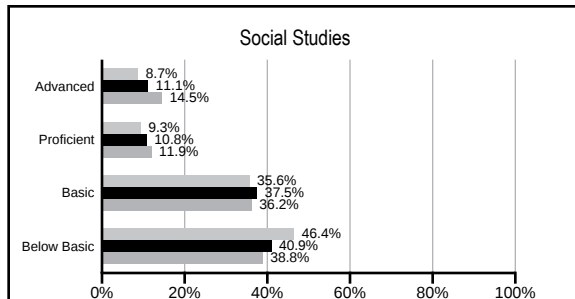
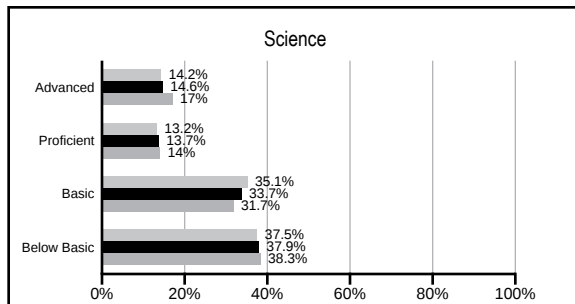
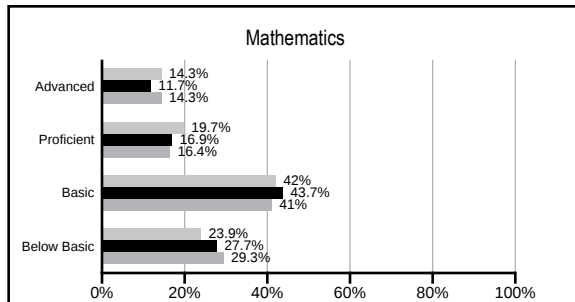
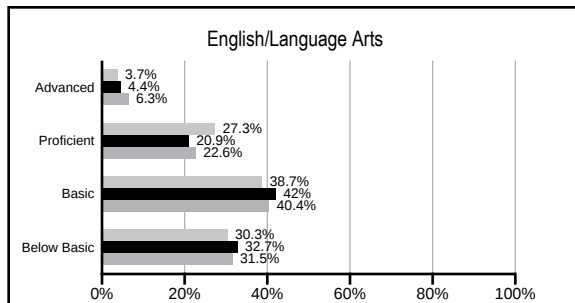
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	8	28	6

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% 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%	96.9%
English 1	0%	94.7%
Physical Science	0%	66.7%
All Subjects	100.0%	95.4%

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
 NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Blacksburg Middle [Cherokee]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=449)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	49.0%	Up from 38.9%	17.6%	19.4%
Retention rate	0.9%	No Change	1.5%	1.8%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.2%	95.7%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.6%	Down from 16.6%	13.3%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.3%	Up from 5.7%	14.5%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.6%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.7%	Up from 54.3%	52.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	82.9%	Up from 74.3%	73.6%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	5.1%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.4%	Up from 79.1%	83.4%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.3%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,327	Up 5.2%	\$44,327	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.0%	Up from 0.0%	2.1%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.1 to 1	Up from 13.2 to 1	19.3 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Down from 91.6%	88.9%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,436	Up 5.5%	\$6,949	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	64.4%	Up from 64.0%	65.5%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.8%	Down from 63.4%	61.6%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	73.7%		65.5%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	144	68
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	75.0%	83.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	72.0%	80.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.3%	83.2%	79.1%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blacksburg Middle School has completed another successful school year. Five eighth-grade students were recognized as Junior Scholars. One seventh-grade student received state recognition in the Duke University Talent Search. Forty-seven students took the end-of-course test in Algebra, and all students passed. Students took MAP a minimum of two times this school year, and many showed significant progress. We continue to use test data to monitor student achievement.

This was the first year that we implemented a school-wide science lab. Kelly Davis was the lab instructor.

Our school offered the Community In Schools Program for students to receive additional instruction in curricular areas and character education.

BMS implemented school-wide Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) for the third year.

Angie Martin was named the Teacher of the Year, and Christy Touchberry received the Distinguished Teacher of Reading award. One teacher holds National Board Certification. We appreciate the efforts and contributions of our supportive PTO.

As our motto states, Blacksburg Middle School is Setting the Standard.

Mr. Michael Snipes, School Improvement Council Chair
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