



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Newberry Middle
Newberry
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 617
Principal: Katrina Singletary
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

PERFORMANCE

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

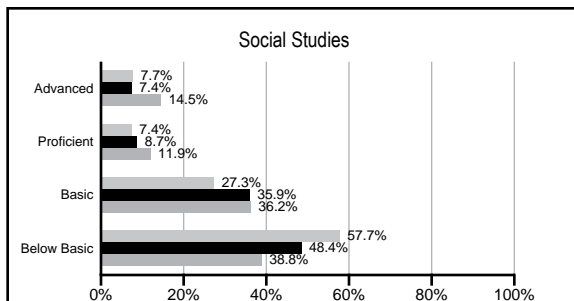
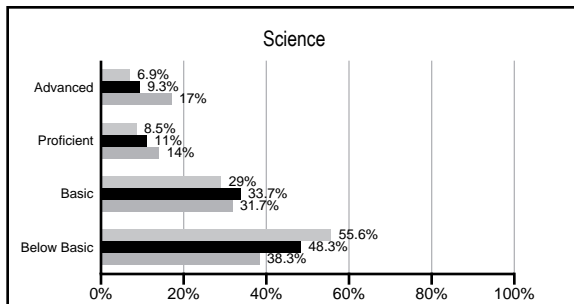
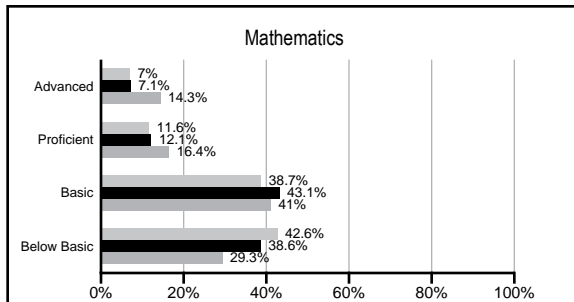
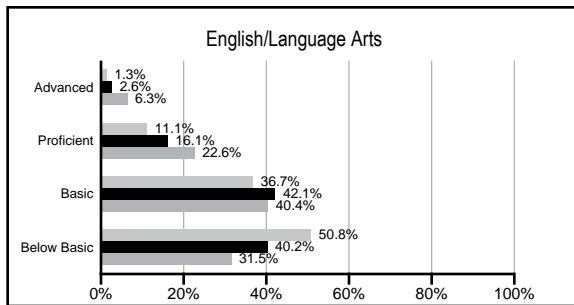
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	1	11	27

* 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)

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

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

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

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

Entity	% Below Basic	% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced
South Carolina	46	31
Nation	43	30

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%	91.7%
English 1	100.0%	90.7%
Physical Science	0%	7.9%
All Subjects	100.0%	89.0%

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

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Newberry Middle [Newberry]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=617)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	9.0%	Up from 4.6%	13.3%	19.4%
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 5.3%	2.6%	1.8%
Attendance rate	93.9%	Up from 93.5%	95.2%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.1%	Down from 10.6%	10.8%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	17.4%	Up from 15.5%	13.8%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	4.1%	Up from 2.0%	0.6%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 53.1%	53.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	54.3%	Down from 71.4%	60.0%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	19.5%	Up from 11.4%	12.0%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	72.3%	Down from 75.7%	78.2%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 92.6%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$40,691	Down 2.7%	\$44,651	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Down from 14.2%	3.8%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.6 to 1	No Change	18.4 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 83.2%	88.6%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,027	Down 1.7%	\$7,604	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	68.4%	Down from 73.0%	64.1%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	62.2%	Up from 60.8%	59.0%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	55.2%		57.1%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2007–2008 school year, Newberry Middle School continued to strive for excellence as we adopted the slogan, “Whatever it takes, our kids are worth it!” Our students continued to excel in academics, athletics, and the arts. We had a student selected as a junior scholar. The social studies artwork of one of our 6th graders will be published in 08-09 S.C. Economics Concepts Calendar. The wrestling team had students to be recognized on the state level. The Bands of NMS received an Excellent rating from the SCBDA Concert Festival and Superior ratings from the Carowinds Music Festival. We received the Aerospace Education Excellence Award again for promoting aerospace education through our Civil Air Patrol.

We worked with an External Review Liaison to create a Focused School Renewal Plan that helped us plan instructionally for our students. This plan was centered on our MAP and PACT data. Content collaboration between content coaches and teachers was a key role this year in our building. Teachers spent time analyzing data and creating curriculum maps and common assessments. Opportunities were provided to our faculty members to attend professional development related to classroom instruction and management. We hosted our first annual Academic Night to showcase student work for parents. Parental involvement continued to improve.

It is our mission to help students reach their potential through engaging experiences that are academically excellent and socially equitable.

Katrina L. Singletary, Principal
Tammy Harmon, SIC Chair

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	155	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.7%	59.1%	89.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.0%	66.5%	86.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	39.5%	84.4%	80.0%

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

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