

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Thomas C. Cario Middle
Charleston
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 1,213
Principal: Shari D. Bouis
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mrs. Toya Hampton Green

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

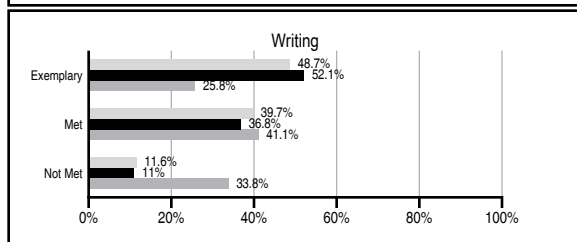
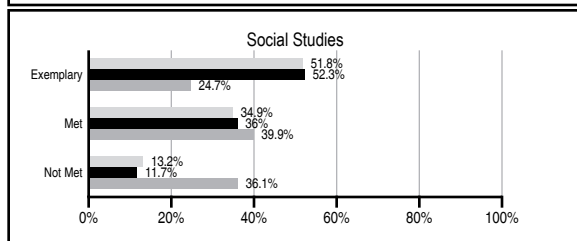
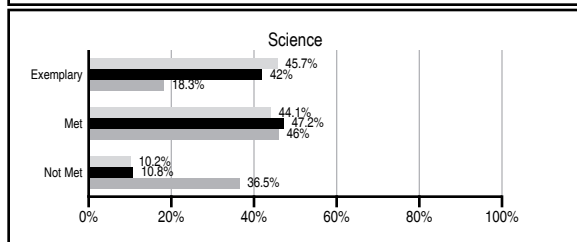
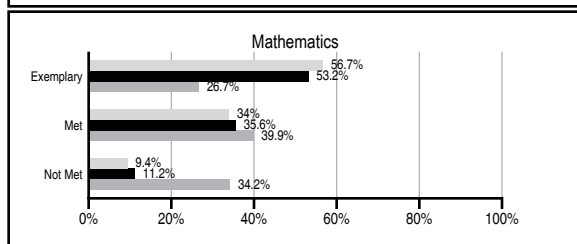
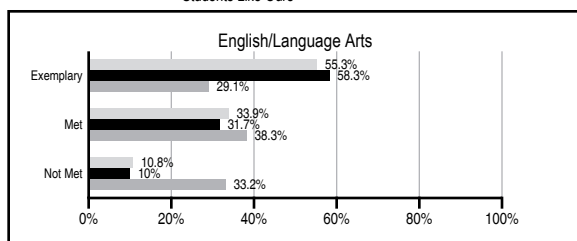
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	1	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS 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 - 2009

% 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	99.5
English 1	N/A	100.0
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	99.5

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 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.

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

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=1,213)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	45.5%	Down from 46.5%	40.0%	21.6%
Retention rate	0.8%	No Change	0.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.5%	97.0%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	33.2%	Down from 34.5%	30.3%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	6.7%	Down from 8.8%	6.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Down from 1.3%	0.3%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.9%	Down from 4.7%	0.3%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=75)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	41.3%	Down from 46.8%	61.5%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	68.0%	Up from 60.8%	77.0%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.0%	Up from 1.8%	3.0%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.6%	Down from 84.5%	85.9%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	92.9%	Down from 94.8%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,932	Up 3.6%	\$47,398	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.2%	Down from 7.5%	2.0%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	11.9 days	Up from 10.8 days	11.9 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.0 to 1	Down from 25.1 to 1	24.8 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.2%	Down from 89.3%	90.5%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.0%	100.0%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,242	Up 4.6%	\$6,519	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.9%	Up from 72.7%	66.0%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.7%	Up from 63.4%	61.7%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 76.2%	100.0%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	73	351	102
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%	72.5%	86.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.9%	81.9%	83.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.9%	82.7%	70.0%

*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

Cario Middle School continues its tradition of excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Cario is widely recognized as a highly successful middle school with a large campus, a small-school atmosphere, and huge opportunities for students. On the school report card, Cario earned the highest absolute achievement index rating among all non-magnet middle schools in Charleston County School District (CCSD). Cario's students have consistently demonstrated mastery of rigorous academic standards. Cario provides a quality honors program at all grade levels, as well as a structured system of interventions for students who need academic assistance. There are numerous opportunities for students to earn high school credits, and Cario has one of the highest percentages of students identified as gifted and talented (GT) in CCSD. Cario students compete in academic challenges such as the SC Science Olympiad (2nd place in the state), American Mathematics Competition (certificate of merit), Math Counts competition (1st place in the region), Wando High School Math Competition (1st place in Algebra), CCSD Spellbound Spelling Bee, National Geographic Geography Bee, and Greek Mythology Bee. Students may take exploratory courses such as Spanish, pre-engineering, health, drama, fitness, and keyboarding. Our Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores delineate growth in reading, mathematics, and language usage across all grade levels.

Cario students demonstrate excellence in arts and extracurricular activities. Visual artists have earned numerous awards, including two first place ribbons at Trident Technical College's Quest competition. Drama students performed several plays. Orchestra students received superior ratings at the SC Concert Festival. Cario's band received the state's Outstanding Performance Award for the eighth consecutive year and earned superior ratings at the SC Concert Festival. The Cario Chorus earned a "superior plus" rating at the Solo & Ensemble Festival, and four Cario singers were selected to the National Honor Choir. Cario teams competed in football, volleyball, cheerleading, soccer, tennis, swimming, golf, baseball, and softball. Student council sponsored a talent show, and the yearbook staff produced a high-quality publication.

The Cario staff has participated in on-going professional development (PD) in order to meet the needs of our students. PD focused on the SC curriculum standards through use of the CCSD Coherent Curriculum, an advisory program for students, instructional technology, active engagement, rigor and relevance, and differentiated instruction based on students' needs. Cario's faculty includes twelve members who have earned National Board Certification, thirteen teachers with GT endorsements, and forty-seven percent of the teaching staff with advanced degrees.

Cario Middle School uses the Making Middle Grades Work model to implement positive changes in our school. We recognize the importance of high expectations, rigorous academics, and a safe, supportive learning environment for all students. As partners in education, our faculty and staff, parents, and community members support and actively participate in making Cario Middle School a model for educational excellence.

Shari Bouis, Principal
Martha Senf, SIC Chair