

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Gaffney Middle
Cherokee
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 684
Principal: Jean B. Brewington
Superintendent: Dr. William B. James
Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

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	Below Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

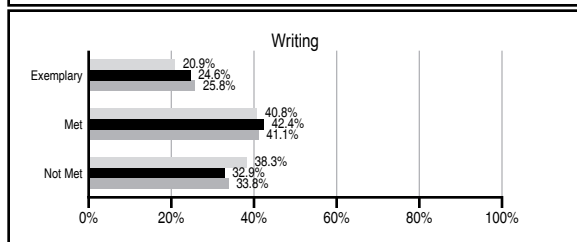
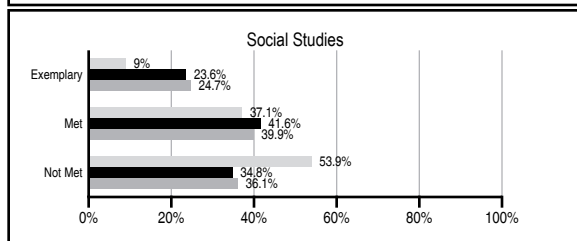
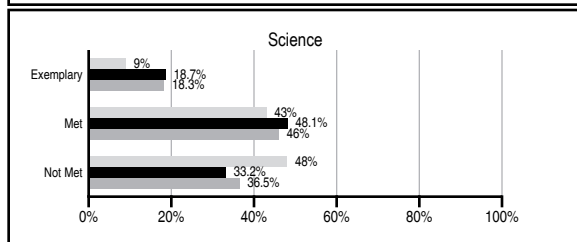
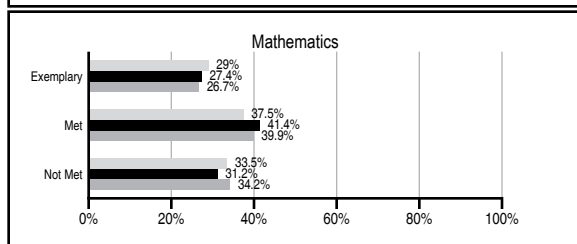
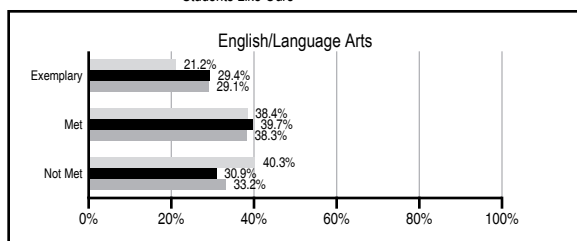
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	4	48	3	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	98.4	97.0
English 1	N/A	94.5
Physical Science	N/A	76.5
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.4	96.5

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.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=684)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	38.7%	Down from 51.7%	21.4%	21.6%
Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 2.4%	1.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.7%	95.7%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.1%	Down from 17.4%	15.9%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Up from 5.7%	14.2%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	1.2%	Down from 2.9%	2.4%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.4%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	41.5%	Down from 46.8%	55.6%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	82.9%	Up from 74.5%	76.7%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 5.4%	3.8%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.5%	Down from 86.4%	84.4%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.6%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,964	Up 4.0%	\$46,636	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	Down from 10.3%	1.1%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	7.7 days	Down from 9.1 days	10.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 8.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	Up from 15.7 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 89.5%	90.0%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	77.5%	Up from 64.1%	97.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,122	Down 1.6%	\$7,553	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.6%	Up from 61.0%	64.3%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.2%	Up from 57.9%	59.5%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	75.9%	Up from 58.6%	90.5%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	0	0
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.2%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.2%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	47.1%	N/R	N/R

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Welcome to Gaffney Middle School where we all "Believe, Achieve and Succeed." The 2008-2009 school year was very successful and productive. Our students and teachers worked diligently to make learning exciting and authentic. By using the South Carolina academic standards and district curriculum, we provided lessons that were innovative and motivating. High expectations were held across all grade levels for students to achieve their best. Our administration recorded over 700 teacher observations this year. We were visited in the fall by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for a district-wide accreditation visit.

We have had great parental participation with parents attending parent - teacher conferences, Student of the Month lunches, athletic games, Chorus and Band concerts, Fine Arts Expo, Battle of the Brains, Field Day and many more activities. Parents have been supportive in several community service projects including Relay for Life and March of Dimes. We were recognized as the middle school raising the most money for the March of Dimes.

We are fortunate to have received a 21st Century Learning Community Grant to provide an after-school program to assist in meeting the academic, social, emotional and physical needs of qualifying students. Our teachers and staff are committed to students as evidenced by their willingness to work in the after-school programs.

We completed the second year of our four year South Carolina Reading Initiative grant. Our teachers have received extensive staff development in comprehensive reading and assessment in a bi-monthly study group provided by the literacy coach and administration. Appropriate literacy materials have been purchased for the classrooms, literacy center, and media center to implement a solid reading program.

Technology continues to increase in our instructional program. This past year, all classrooms were equipped with Activboards for interactive lessons. In addition, each classroom has a document camera, LCD projector and wireless laptop computer to use in the instructional program. We also provide our parents the opportunity to review their child's progress and attendance through the web-based program InTouch. Parents receive calls on a regular basis through our automated phone system, Alert Now, which notifies parents and students of events, assignments, and happenings in the classroom. To tighten security and to have a record of our visitors, we have installed a new computer program with photo capabilities for all visitors to sign in and out.

At Gaffney Middle School, education is a team effort among students, parents, school faculty, and community. You are encouraged to come and visit our school to see firsthand how parent involvement, teacher dedication and industrious students make a successful school. You are invited to become part of our team to "Believe, Achieve and Succeed."

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