

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

New Heights Middle
Chesterfield County
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 601
Principal: Larry B. Stinson
Superintendent: Dr. John E. Williams
Board Chair: Chad Vick

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

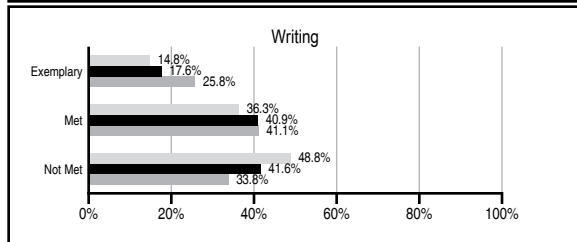
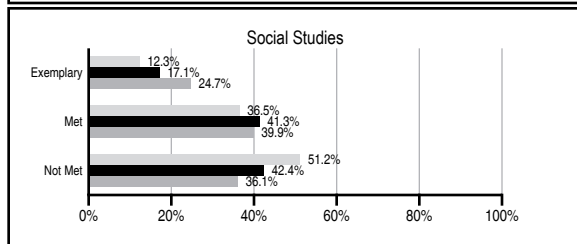
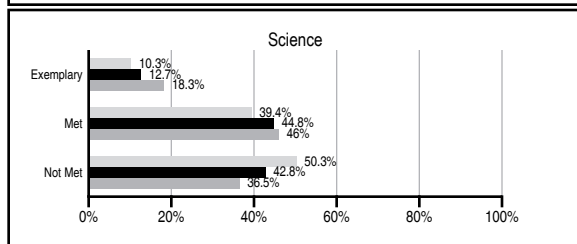
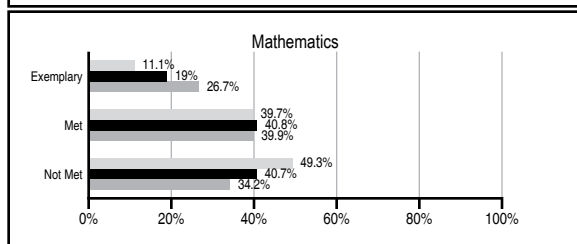
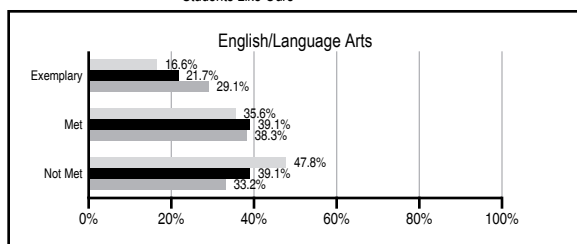
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	24	16	3

* 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	N/A	91.5
English 1	N/A	89.7
Physical Science	N/A	94.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	N/A	91.3

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=601)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	0.0%	No Change	18.1%	21.6%
Retention rate	2.2%	Down from 5.8%	1.8%	1.2%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 93.8%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.6%	Down from 11.3%	10.6%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	10.9%	Down from 13.6%	15.3%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.3%	Down from 5.5%	4.2%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.9%	1.0%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=36)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.3%	Up from 57.9%	56.6%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	55.6%	Up from 52.6%	69.3%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.1%	Down from 11.4%	9.4%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.3%	Up from 86.3%	78.5%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 95.7%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,785	Up 3.0%	\$46,013	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3%	Up from 2.5%	4.4%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	Down from 10.1 days	12.0 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	17.9 to 1	Down from 23.4 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 88.1%	89.9%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.4%	Down from 100.0%	97.7%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,510	Up 11.5%	\$8,138	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.0%	Down from 67.9%	62.9%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.2%	Down from 63.1%	55.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	76.2%	Up from 57.1%	90.5%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	162	90
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	70.8%	78.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.4%	75.2%	74.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.5%	87.0%	70.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Soaring to "New Heights" is more than our motto! Again, we have realized our goal of improving student achievement. This year's MAP tests show gains and significant patterns of growth in all areas. Gains from Fall to Spring were achieved in Reading and Math. Students showed an average gain of 8.22 points in Reading and 7.032 points in Math. The Focus School Renewal Writing Goal was realized also. Meeting and exceeding our overall school goals reflect the commitment, skill, and resolve of the staff. Newly-piloted single-gender classes have been greatly successful and have supported our school initiatives. Our teacher quality remains at 100%, with a faculty that is fully certified and mostly "highly qualified." The SC Jr. Beta Club State Reporter has been selected from our school, and we have two Duke TIP Scholars. Our Boys Basketball team went undefeated, and six of our eight sports teams finished the season with winning records. The community outreach program involved our churches, veterans, and professionals. The churches supported our school with loving help in many forms. On Veteran's Day, 18 veterans came to New Heights to be honored and to share their experiences with our students. On Career Day, more than 30 professionals participated and showcased their careers. New Heights PTO Family Nights grew in attendance this year. Attendance at the meetings ranged from 200 to 350 families. Our partnership with the Pageland Progressive Journal newspaper affores NHMS a page printed in our local paper on a monthly basis. The news is submitted by our student reporters. During our Relay for Life event, \$2630.00 was raised for The American Cancer Society. An additional \$625.00 was raised for the St. Jude Children's Hospital. Communication with our parents is being enhanced through our website and orientations. The school orientations are being expanded to include 7th and 8th grade for the 09-10 year. Our spirit rock is in its 2nd year and continues to be a fun way for parents, teachers, and students to express school spirit through life's special moments.

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