SC Annual School Report Card Summary

North Central Middle
Kershaw County
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 378**
Principal: Burchell Richardson
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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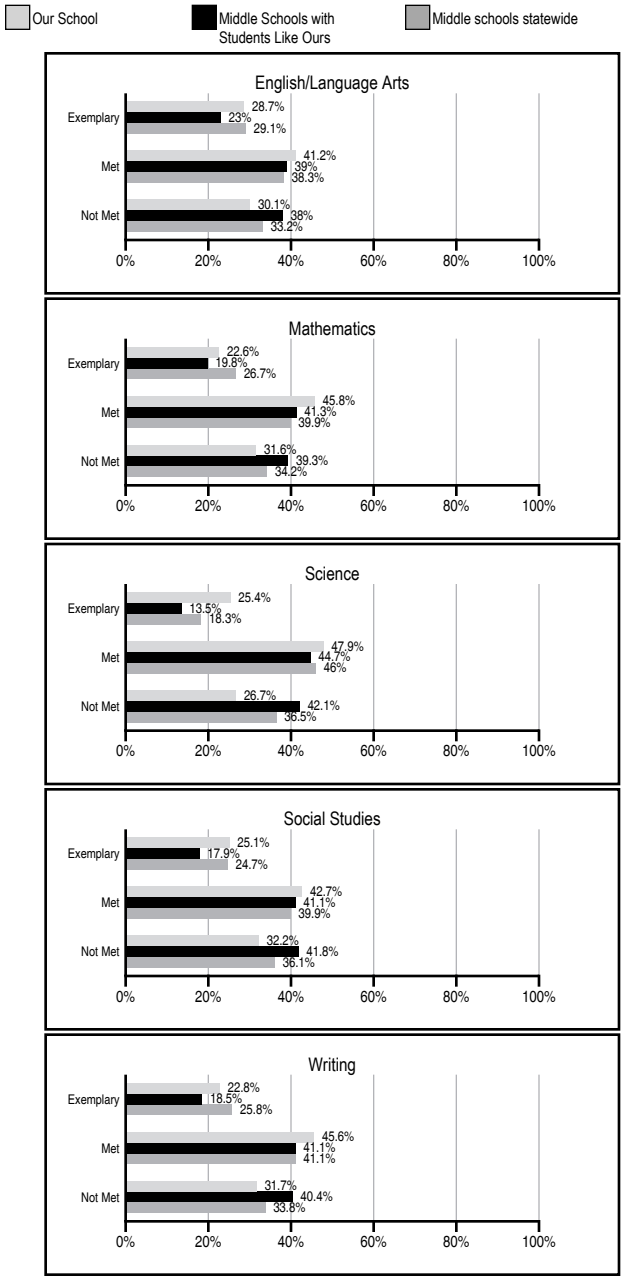
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	28	16	3

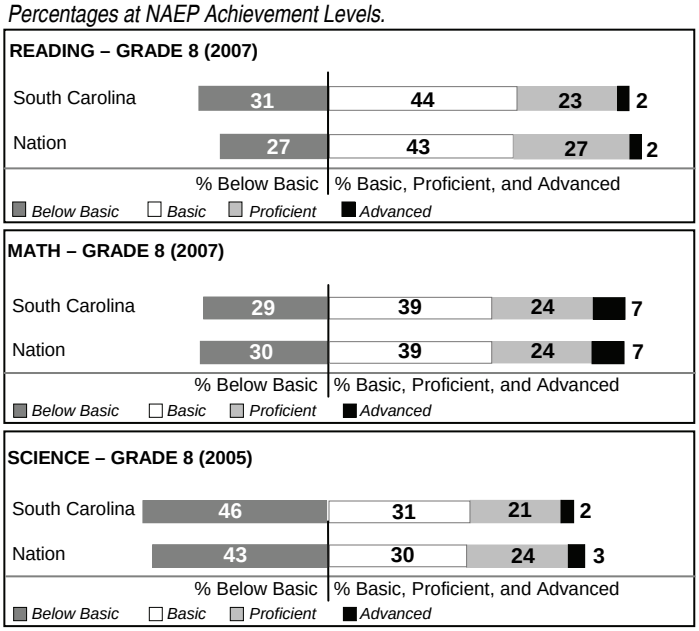
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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



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	95.7	91.9
English 1	100.0	90.2
Physical Science	N/A	94.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.6	91.6

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=378)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	11.5%	Down from 12.2%	18.3%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.3%	Up from 0.5%	1.7%	1.2%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.8%	95.5%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.6%	Up from 10.5%	11.5%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	12.6%	Down from 13.8%	14.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.9%	Down from 3.2%	3.6%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Down from 1.9%	1.0%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	80.6%	Up from 66.7%	56.1%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	83.9%	Up from 73.3%	67.6%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 7.4%	8.8%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.4%	No Change	78.1%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.6%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$47,088	Up 5.9%	$45,812	$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.4%	Up from 0.0%	3.9%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	12.8 days	Up from 11.6 days	11.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Up from 19.7 to 1	18.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 90.6%	89.8%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.2%	Up from 96.6%	97.8%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,110	Up 18.6%	$8,062	$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.9%	Up from 62.2%	63.0%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.3%	Up from 58.3%	55.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 61.9%	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	109	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	83.3%	86.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.1%	83.5%	86.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.7%	83.5%	81.8%

*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

This has been another good year at North Central Middle School. The school offers a safe, structured, nurturing environment that encourages excellence in achievement. We offer a challenging, relevant, and standards-driven curriculum supported by a highly effective and efficient faculty and staff. North Central had many accomplishments for the 2008-2009 school year. One of our students was named a Junior Scholar. Students from North Central Middle School won honors in writing contests. Several of our students were state finalists in the Letters to Literature contest with one student winning the overall state award. One of our students won the district VFW Patriot Pen essay contest and then placed second in the state competition. Our school Geography Bee winner qualified for the National Geographic Society's state contest. A variety of programs were continued in order to encourage outstanding achievement, which included Pride of the Principal, Patriot Pride Club, North Central's Finest, Patriot Partners, Honor Roll and Academic Award Programs. Our theme for this year was "Readers today, Leaders tomorrow." To enhance that theme, the Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) program begins each school day. The Birthday Book program gives each and every student a book on his or her birthday in an effort to encourage pleasure reading. The library staff encourages reading through the Patriot Read program and the Accelerated Reader program. An early morning homework center and after-school program offered students opportunities to improve their academic performances. North Central continues to try to increase positive parental involvement. Parents participated in large numbers in career conferences, Open House, and served in large numbers as monitors during PASS testing. PTO membership continues to increase. Our school was one of 42 schools statewide to be awarded the Red Carpet Award for friendliness and positive customer service. A majority of our faculty members hold advanced degrees, and four of our faculty members are National Board Certified. Our faculty members are highly trained to use the new technological systems available to them. Our school is completely accredited by the state and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The faculty continues to work hard on reaching PASS improvement goals. Through the use of standards-based curriculum, our faculty is determined to offer a dynamic academic program for our students. Students receive daily instruction in language arts, math, science, and social studies and have the opportunity to take a variety of related arts classes each quarter. Our motto, "Best Students, Best Teachers, Best School," certainly describes North Central Middle School. Dr. Burch Richardson, Principal; Mrs. Lori Pate, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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