

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Middle
Lancaster County
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 639
Principal: Joyce Crimminger
Superintendent: Richard E. Moore
Board Chair: Charlene McGriff

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

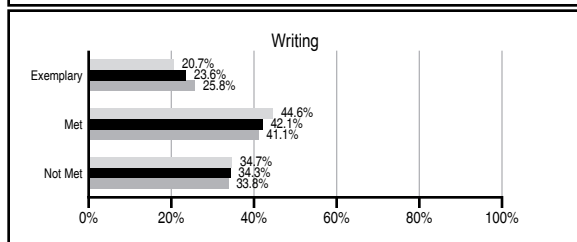
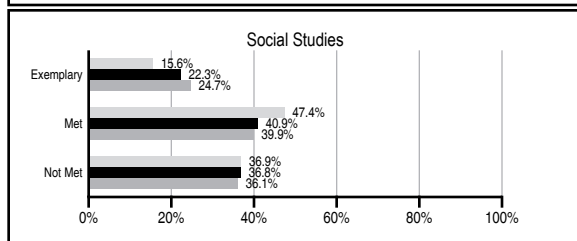
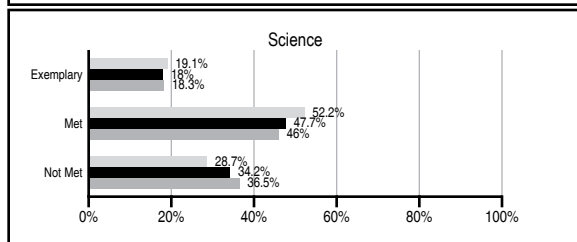
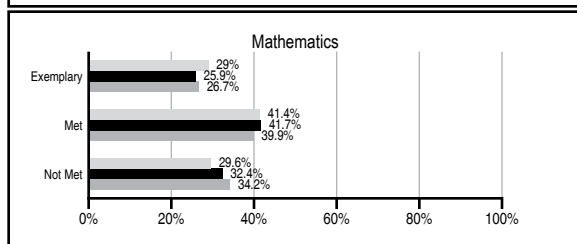
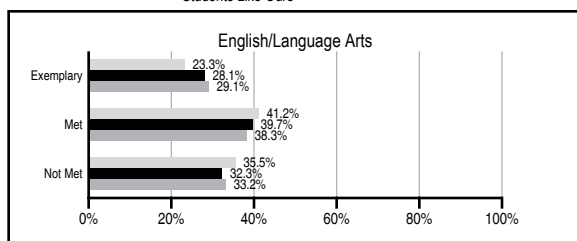
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	42	4	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
Nation	27	43	27
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)			
South Carolina	29	39	24
Nation	30	39	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)			
South Carolina	46	31	21
Nation	43	30	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

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	97.6
English 1	N/A	96.8
Physical Science	N/A	90.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	97.1

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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South Middle [Lancaster County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=639)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	16.3%	Up from 9.6%	18.3%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.3%	Up from 1.0%	1.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.7%	95.6%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.6%	Up from 10.1%	15.7%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	15.4%	Up from 14.2%	13.6%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.0%	Up from 1.0%	2.7%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 1.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.3%	Down from 59.6%	54.3%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	66.0%	Up from 50.9%	75.0%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.1%	Up from 4.5%	4.8%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	76.4%	Down from 76.8%	83.0%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.6%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,372	Up 1.3%	\$45,893	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.0%	Down from 6.7%	1.5%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	10.1 days	Down from 12.7 days	10.2 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Up from 18.4 to 1	20.1 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 88.8%	89.7%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.7%	Down from 97.8%	97.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,330	Up 10.1%	\$7,435	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.9%	Down from 72.1%	64.6%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.5%	Down from 65.5%	60.0%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	92.0%	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	37	193	153
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.9%	78.5%	79.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.9%	77.8%	76.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	67.6%	80.4%	81.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

South Middle School continued to work towards providing our students with the best educational opportunities during the 2008-2009 school year. The following programs or initiatives were implemented this year: WSMS Studio Expanded – The broadcasting studio expanded this year. The morning news program was completely student directed and created. It expanded even further this year with a video program produced exclusively for our rising sixth-grade orientation; Fitness Challenge – Teachers and students have embraced fitness. Teachers participated in The Biggest Loser program while students walked their way to health through a district grant providing them with pedometers; Technology – Our focus on technology continued to grow. SMART Boards were installed in the remaining classrooms, and teachers were offered the opportunity to participate in additional district-provided technology training; and SMS Literary Magazine – A literary magazine was published highlighting student artwork and creative writing. South's students continued to excel in academics throughout the year. Twelve eighth-graders were selected as Junior Scholars, twelve students were recognized in the annual Celebration of Excellence, three seventh-graders were selected as Duke TIP Scholars, a sixth-grader won first place in the district Science Fair, a seventh-grade student had her Favorite Teacher essay published, seven teachers/administrators presented at the South Carolina Middle School Conference, seventy-five students were inducted into the National Honor Society, fifteen teachers worked on GT endorsement, and our girls' basketball team had an undefeated season. Our arts program also continued to flourish with our band and chorus once again being recognized with many accolades that included excellent and superior ratings at solo and ensemble events. Several of our art students also received awards at the local county art show. We continued to focus attention on implementing the comprehensive framework associated with Making Middle Grades Work. Two teachers also received National Board Certification. SMS could not have accomplished so much without the help and support of our parents and community. The PTO and School Improvement Council continue to help ensure that our students receive the best educational opportunities possible. Joyce Criminger, Principal; Richie Knight, School Improvement Chair

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