SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Newberry Middle
Newberry
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 622**
Principal: Katrina Singletary
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

PERFORMANCE

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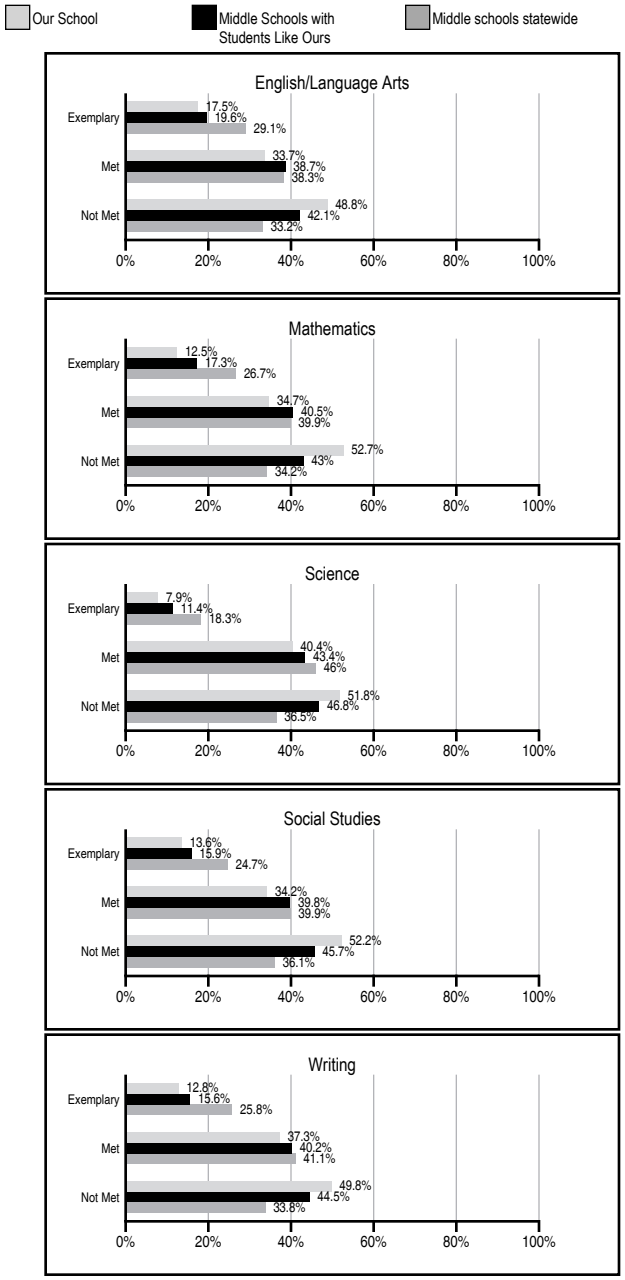
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	19	21	6

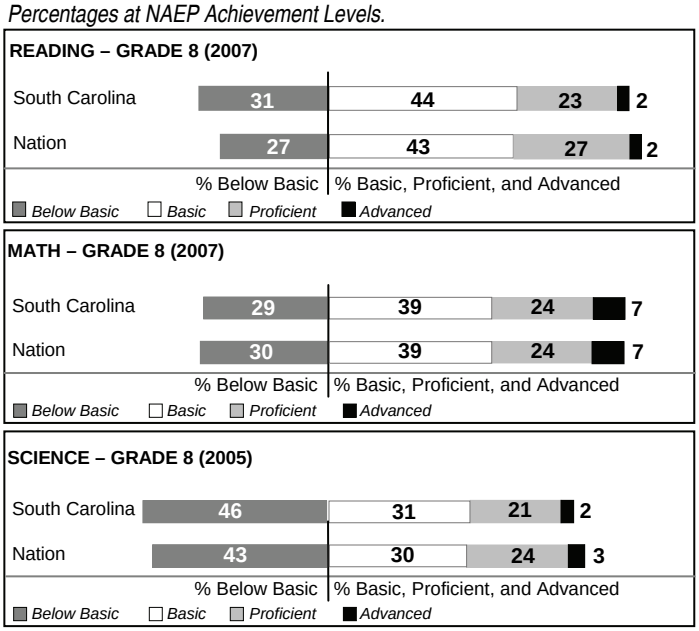
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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	88.6	90.2
English 1	95.8	88.3
Physical Science	N/A	76.5
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	91.5	89.4

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=622)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	12.9%	Up from 9.0%	15.0%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 3.5%	2.0%	1.2%
Attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 93.9%	95.3%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.2%	Down from 10.1%	9.2%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	17.3%	Down from 17.4%	14.5%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.2%	Down from 5.8%	4.5%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Down from 4.1%	0.7%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Up from 50.0%	57.5%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	59.2%	Up from 54.3%	66.2%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	28.3%	Up from 19.5%	9.9%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	73.8%	Up from 72.3%	80.7%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.4%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$41,254	Up 1.4%	$46,493	$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.4%	Up from 1.8%	4.4%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	8.2 days	Up from 7.2 days	10.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.9 to 1	Down from 17.6 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 89.1%	89.3%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.3%	Up from 94.3%	96.9%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,959	Up 13.3%	$8,746	$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.7%	Down from 68.4%	62.7%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.0%	Down from 62.2%	55.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	75.9%	Up from 55.2%	90.1%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	159	46
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.5%	59.1%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.5%	70.1%	78.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	49.1%	79.1%	77.8%

*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

The 2008 – 2009 school year was filled with celebrations of accomplishments as well as some adversity and through both, we still believe in our slogan, “Whatever it takes, our kids are worth it!” Proudly, the district winner for the Superintendent’s Writing award was an 8th grader and we had six 6th graders win first place in the SC Council on Economic Education Stock Market Game. We had students recognized as Duke Tip and Junior Scholars. We did field studies in Myrtle Beach, Charleston, and Washington, DC. Our band excelled in many areas and our 6th grade beginner band proudly accepted the Superior rating at the Carowinds Festival of Music. We excelled in our athletics as well with an undefeated boys basketball, 7th grade football team, and wrestling team.

In an effort to increase student recognition, we implemented PAWS for Praise and Student of the Week, as well as Tiger Time and team incentives. We hosted our 2nd Annual Academic night where we showcased student work.

We continued our work with our revised Focused School Renewal plan and an External Review Liaison. The goals in this plan were based on MAP scores. We made gains in reading, language usage, and math, thus, allowing us to meet our goals. This plan focused on content collaboration and student engagement. We challenged all teachers to increase differentiation in their classrooms and they were successful beyond measure.

We will continue to dedicate our efforts to educating and engaging the students of Newberry Middle School where, “The Standard is Excellence!”

Katrina Singletary, Principal
Tammy Harmon, SIC Chairperson

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