

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Liberty Middle
 Pickens
 Grades: 5-8 Enrollment: 680
 Principal: Donovan Edwards
 Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt
 Board Chair: Jim Shelton

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

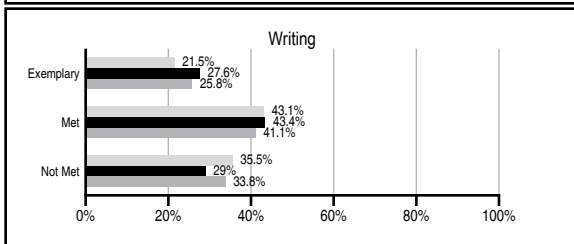
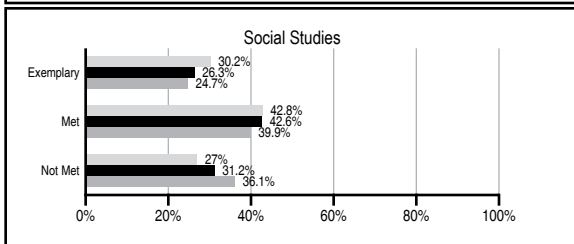
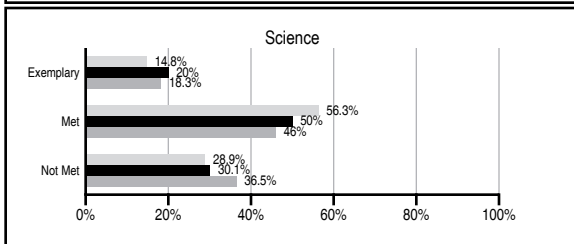
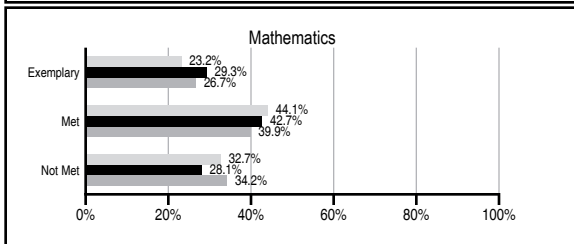
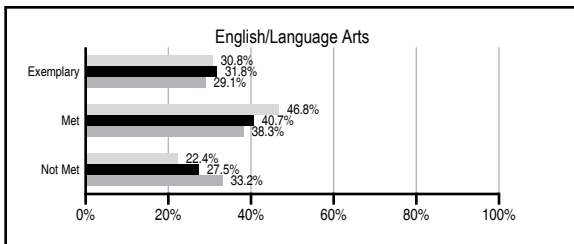
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	6	44	2	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

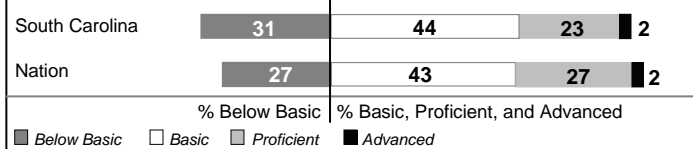
Our School
 Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
 Middle schools statewide



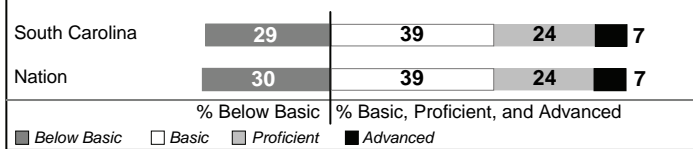
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

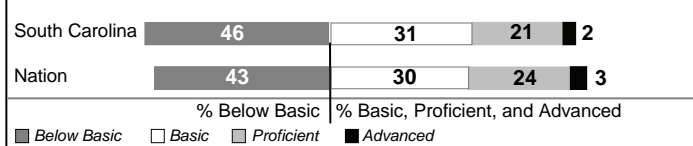
READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



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	88.4	96.8
English 1	97.8	94.3
Physical Science	N/A	77.4
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	93.2	96.2

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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Liberty Middle [Pickens]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=680)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	33.1%	N/R	21.5%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 1.5%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.2%	96.0%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.6%	Up from 18.3%	17.4%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	12.7%	Up from 12.6%	14.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.1%	Down from 4.1%	2.2%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.6%	Up from 0.0%	0.7%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.4%	Up from 45.7%	58.1%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	78.7%	Up from 76.1%	76.8%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.0%	Up from 2.9%	3.6%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.0%	Up from 84.4%	85.4%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.0%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,116	Up 6.3%	\$47,312	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.6%	Down from 2.1%	0.2%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	10.8 days	Up from 8.7 days	11.7 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	20.9 to 1	Down from 21.2 to 1	21.1 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Down from 90.5%	90.4%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	98.0%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,111	Up 4.7%	\$7,387	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.7%	Down from 61.0%	63.1%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.0%	Down from 55.5%	58.4%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%	Up from 57.1%	91.3%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	146	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	66.7%	64.8%	59.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	46.7%	61.4%	50.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	53.3%	76.0%	59.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-2009 school year was an exciting one for Liberty Middle School. We continued our tradition of outstanding performances in the classroom, athletic field and concert hall. Parental involvement and volunteer hours increased as well.

Our fifth grade was the focus of two new programs this year. Single-classes were added and a fifth grade chorus was begun. Both of these were highly successful and helped ease the transition for our students.

In 2009-2010 we will be participating in the "Making Middle Grades Work" program. This is a comprehensive program in which our school will utilize the recognized best practices in middle-level education. This represents a dedication of our faculty and staff to constant improvement.

At Liberty Middle School we are striving for academic improvement. To meet our goals we need the support of everyone in the Liberty community. Please help us in our quest to be the best!

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