

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

J G McCracken Junior High
Spartanburg 7
Grades: 7-9 **Enrollment: 706**
Principal: Margaret Peach
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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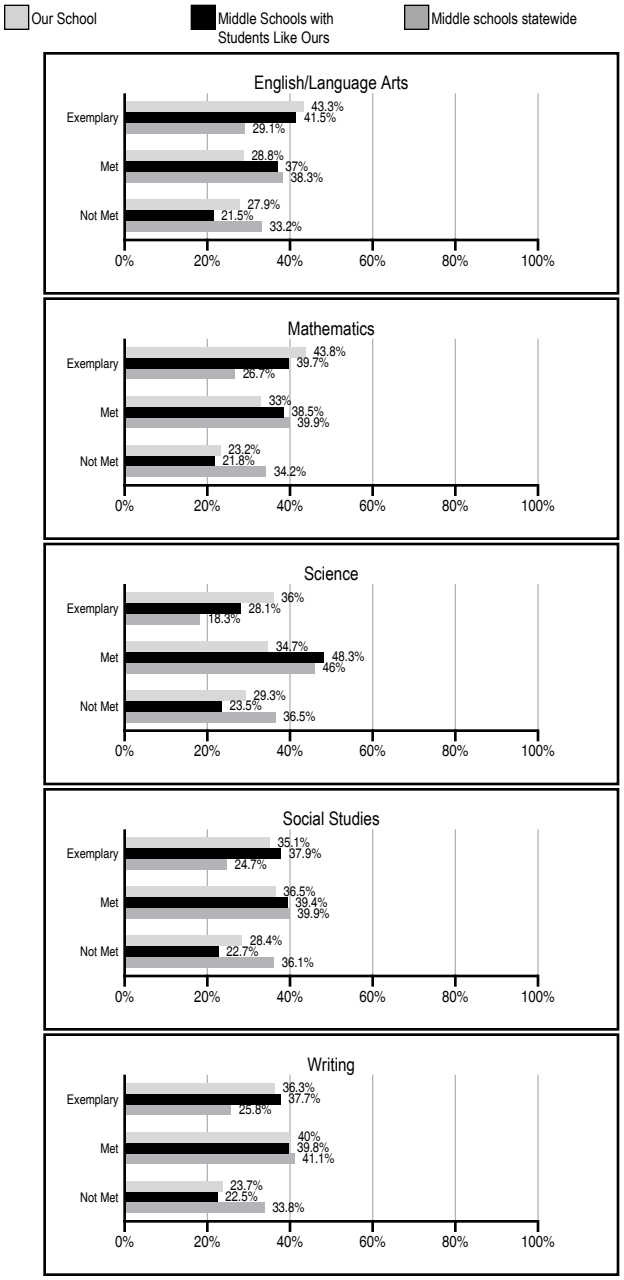
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	19	8	0	0

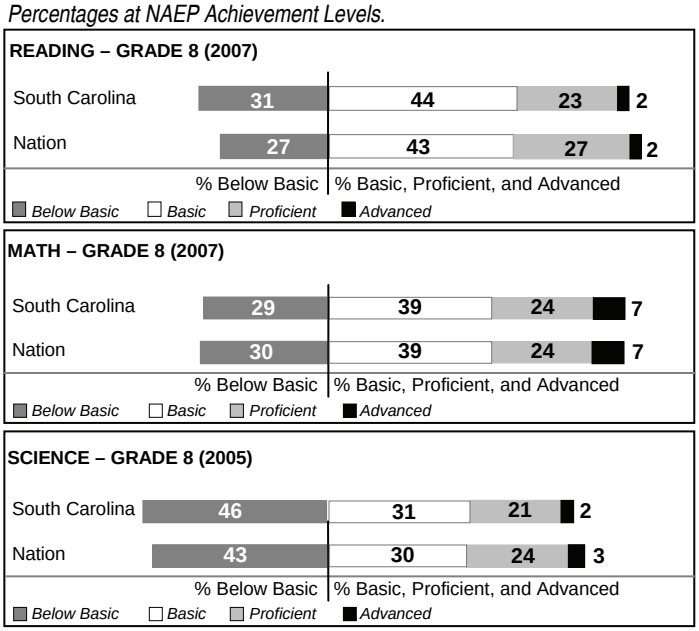
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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	97.4	99.2
English 1	79.3	93.7
Physical Science	74.5	69.3
US History and the Constitution	100.0	100.0
All Subjects	83.4	98.2

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=706)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	28.2%	Down from 58.9%	34.1%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 3.9%	1.1%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	96.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	41.0%	Down from 42.9%	24.2%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Up from 8.0%	11.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.1%	Down from 2.4%	1.3%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.6%	Down from 5.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.2%	Up from 53.4%	58.0%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Up from 82.8%	78.4%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.9%	Down from 3.7%	3.7%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.7%	Up from 90.6%	85.6%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.1%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$50,791	Up 3.5%	$48,674	$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.6%	Up from 0.4%	0.0%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	14.4 days	Up from 7.9 days	10.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	4.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Up from 12.6 to 1	21.5 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 88.1%	90.7%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	85.6%	Down from 91.5%	98.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,141	Up 5.1%	$7,199	$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.8%	Down from 69.9%	65.8%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.2%	Down from 68.1%	59.5%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 71.4%	93.9%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	67	173	94
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.9%	78.5%	90.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.5%	82.7%	79.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.0%	82.0%	80.6%

*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 proved to be another stellar year for McCracken Junior High School. Eagle pride is stronger than ever due to the numerous accomplishments and achievements garnered by our learning community.

District, state, and national recognitions continued for McCracken. Our Math Counts team dominated the regional competition, and students excelled in national exams for French, Latin, and Spanish. Other events included the Academic Team, Battle of the Brains, Youth in Government, and a trip to the historic presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. Students in the arts excelled in the Ruffled Feathers creative writing publication and dramatic performances in the community. MJHS fine arts teachers and students collaborated and presented its first musical in many years titled “School House Rocks, Jr.” McCracken’s band, orchestra, and chorus repeated Superior or Excellent awards and performed repeatedly throughout the year. Athletic teams performed admirably this year in district, regional, and tournament competitions. The Lady Eagles basketball and volleyball teams proved too much for other teams to handle, resulting in Little Six Conference Tournament championships for both. Congratulations girls!

PASS testing challenges were met as teachers utilized data from MAP testing, classroom pre-assessments, differentiated instruction, and a focused culture of high expectations to foster student growth. Writing was emphasized in all classrooms, and a school-wide utilization of incentives such as ice cream parties proved not only to be popular, but successful as well. Nearly 90% of the students showed improvement on MAP testing between the fall and spring assessments. Parents and community members also were proactive in preparing MJHS students for academic achievement and growth with communication via Newsletters, website information, and other supportive efforts.

This past year proved to be another extension of the tradition, excellence, and pride that represent McCracken Junior High School. We look forward to continuing this during the next year and enjoying the relationships of our learning community members.

John W. Craig, Principal
Camille Wolfe, SIC Chairperson

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