SC Annual School Report Card Summary

McCarthy/Teszler Learning Center
Spartanburg 7
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 230**
Principal: Dr. Joette C. Johnson
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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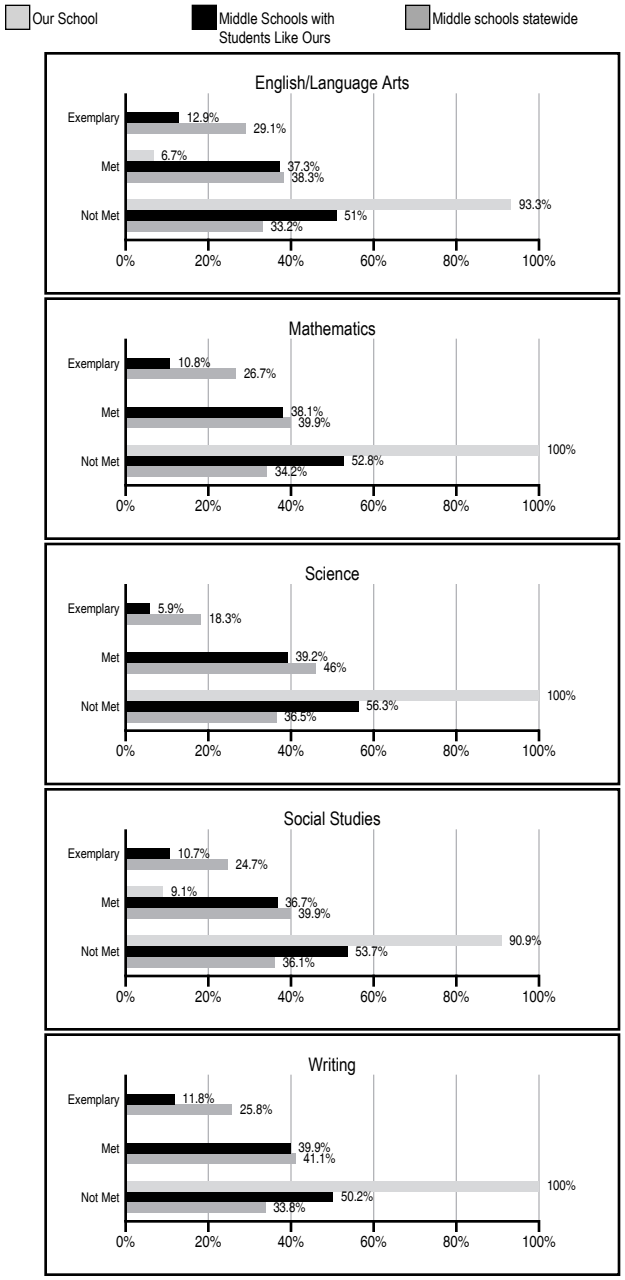
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	At-Risk	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	5	36	24

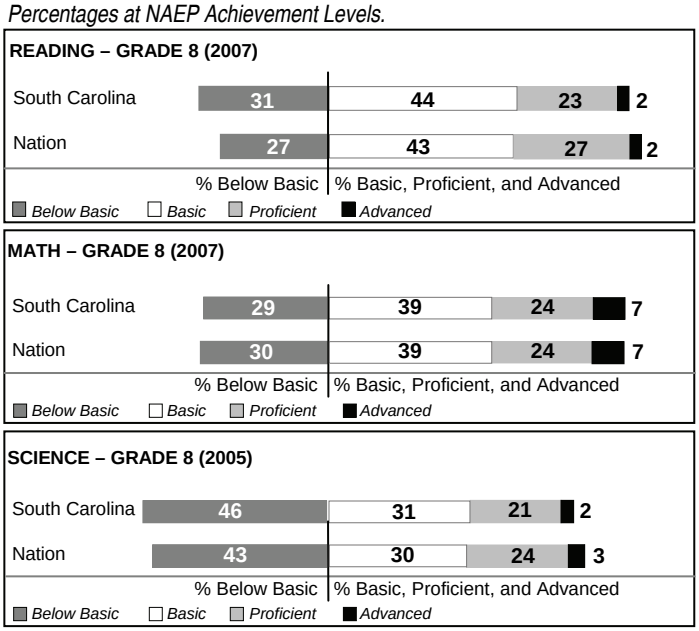
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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	N/A	86.3
English 1	N/A	83.2
Physical Science	N/A	33.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	N/A	84.7

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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McCarthy/Teszler Learning Center [Spartanburg 7]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=230)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	0.0%	No Change	16.3%	21.6%
Retention rate	13.7%	Down from 17.7%	2.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	91.8%	Up from 90.9%	95.5%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	5.3%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	78.1%	Down from 81.8%	14.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	11.8%	Down from 16.4%	5.0%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.3%	Up from 3.5%	0.3%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=48)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.2%	Down from 58.0%	54.7%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	72.9%	Up from 72.0%	62.2%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.4%	Down from 4.8%	15.4%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.2%	Up from 79.8%	76.4%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	92.6%	Down from 93.1%	94.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$47,577	Up 0.5%	$44,789	$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	22.8%	Up from 21.1%	6.9%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	5.6 days	Down from 7.2 days	10.9 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	22.0	Up from 21.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	6.9 to 1	Up from 6.7 to 1	16.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	83.8%	Up from 83.0%	89.0%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	95.9%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	Up from At-Risk	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$42,486	Up 15.7%	$10,064	$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.9%	Up from 66.2%	60.3%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.7%	Down from 56.1%	54.1%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	47.1%	Down from 61.5%	88.2%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	N/A	N/A

*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 McCarthy-Teszler Eagles were very active during the 2008-2009 school year. We began the year as a national winner of the Big Lots Grant for $10,000. This money was used for the design and development of our natural outdoor learning and play area, with groundbreaking early next year. The Buddy Program, implemented the previous year, continued to develop and ended up providing us with thirty-one partner classes from schools across Spartanburg County. The buddy classes participated in a multitude of activities with our students throughout the school year.

In November, our staff and students designed and decorated a “Let Your Light Shine” float, and we participated in the Spartanburg County Christmas Parade. Our students and staff thought it was the best! Our newly-formed PTSO was very actively involved in our program and sponsored Spirit Nights, a Spring Festival, and many other activities and fundraisers. Attendance incentive awards were added to our student recognition program. Our students enjoyed visits from Santa Claus, Ronald McDonald, Dr. Seuss, the Easter bunny, a magician, therapy dogs, and community helpers throughout the year.

Our music program continues to thrive, and our students had three experiences performing for large community groups. One of these performances was the Awareness Walk and Roll event sponsored by the Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities. We also added a Spring Arts Extravaganza to our musical performances. We are looking forward to adding a hand bell choir and performing in a community Christmas program next year.

Our vocational students enjoyed a new schedule of changing classes and a new class in woodworking. We developed and purchased instructional materials for a new science lab which will be ready for students to enjoy next year. With help from community volunteers, we added a Boy and Girl Scout troop for our middle-school-age students. Pet care, woodworking, engineering, art, citizenship, cooking, and world cultures were a few of the merit badges that our thirteen boys and nine girls earned. Our Relay for Life teams' fundraising efforts paid off with a final donation of over $3,200 towards cancer research.

We were surprised and honored to be named a Red Carpet School by the South Carolina State Department of Education in May. Our staff members strive to make each parent, child, and visitor welcome when they visit our school.

We continue to be amazed at the successes of our students and the support of the school districts and the community. We have high expectations for each and every child. McCarthy-Teszler School continues to be a positive place for students with disabilities.

Dr. Joette C. Johnson, Principal
Mary Kendrick, SIC Chairperson

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