

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sims Junior High Union
 Grades: 7-8 Enrollment: 534
 Principal: Mickey Connolly
 Superintendent: Dr. David L. Eubanks
 Board Chair: Dr. Wanda R. All

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

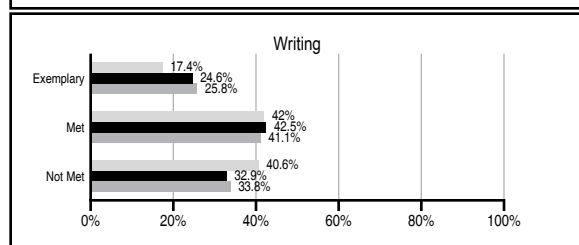
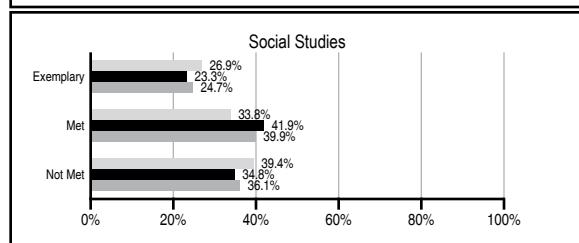
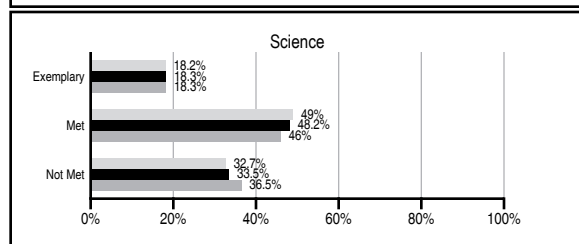
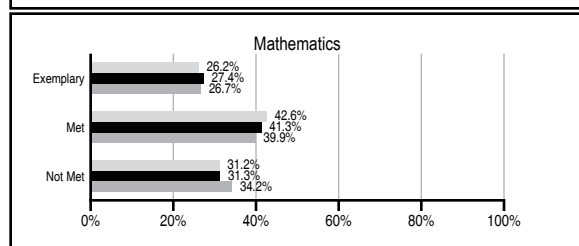
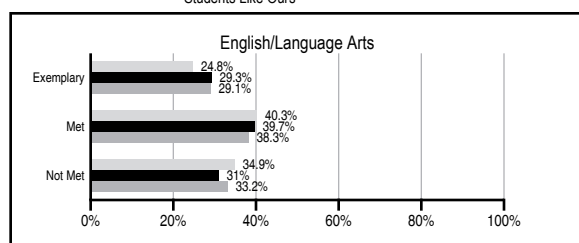
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	46	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	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

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	97.1
English 1	89.8	94.7
Physical Science	84.0	76.5
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	91.1	96.6

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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Sims Junior High [Union]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=534)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	18.2%	Down from 18.7%	22.6%	21.6%
Retention rate	2.8%	Down from 3.6%	1.4%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.9%	95.7%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.0%	Down from 17.2%	15.8%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	19.1%	Up from 17.5%	14.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.6%	Up from 2.7%	2.4%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.4%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 55.0%	55.6%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	75.0%	Up from 72.5%	76.7%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	10.5%	Down from 17.1%	3.6%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.0%	Up from 82.5%	84.4%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 93.0%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,111	Up 5.4%	\$46,493	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Down from 6.7%	0.9%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	19.0 days	Down from 25.5 days	11.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.6 to 1	Up from 21.0 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 86.7%	90.2%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.9%	Down from 96.9%	97.5%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,503	Up 6.4%	\$7,553	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.4%	Down from 71.4%	64.1%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.2%	Down from 67.3%	59.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	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	43	239	58
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.7%	72.3%	84.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.4%	74.7%	74.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.8%	88.1%	73.7%

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Sims Jr. High School, in partnership with its citizens, is to participate in the building of a community of lifelong learners by providing challenging educational experiences in a safe, disciplined environment which will prepare our students for productive living in a diverse technological society. During the 2008-2009 school year, many efforts were made toward successfully accomplishing our goals.

Teachers continued to utilize our new subject area pacing guides aligned to SC Curriculum Standards to ensure that all students received equitable instruction at all levels. Ongoing emphasis was placed on high academic standards as we saluted 17 students as SC Junior Scholars and recognized 3 students for being named Duke TIP Scholars. We continued to show gains school-wide in Math, Science, and Social Studies. Improvements were also made in our 8th grade classes offered for high school credit. The End-of-Course test results indicate that the percentage of students passing for all three subject areas increased from May of 2008 to May of 2009. One hundred percent (100%) of these students passed the Math test, 90% passed the ELA test, and 84% passed the Physical Science test. Our 7th and 8th grade Academic Challenge Teams had very successful seasons, with both teams going undefeated in the Olde English Consortium matches. This team also advanced to the Final Four in Bill Drake's Battle of the Brains. We rededicated our efforts toward technology education and had 51% of our 8th grade keyboarding students pass the proficiency profile, which allows them to exempt keyboarding in high school. Teachers strived to integrate technology to deliver instruction through use of laptop computers, digital imaging, and Smart Boards. Students were encouraged to use technology to complete research and special projects. Parent and teacher communication through technology was also improved with emails, grade reports, and homework assignments being posted each day on our school website using OnCourse.

In an effort to maintain a positive school climate, we continued our focus on the School Improvement Grant using Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) to recognize students for good behavior. We are extremely proud that 44% of our students completed the school year with a clean discipline record.

SJHS students were also active in the many extracurricular activities offered: Sims Singers, band, drama, volleyball, basketball, football, track, cross-country, tennis, soccer, baseball, softball, cheerleading, Beta Club, SGA, and First Priority. We realize that our students are individuals with a variety of talents and interests. As we help students to make the transition to young adulthood, we want to provide as many opportunities for success as possible. As always, our goal will be synonymous with our motto: Education today...Independence tomorrow.

Melissa Gregory, SIC Chairperson
Mickey Connolly, Principal

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