SC Annual School Report Card Summary

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE
Fort Mill
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 883**
Principal: Keith Griffin
Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.
Board Chair: Patrick White

PERFORMANCE

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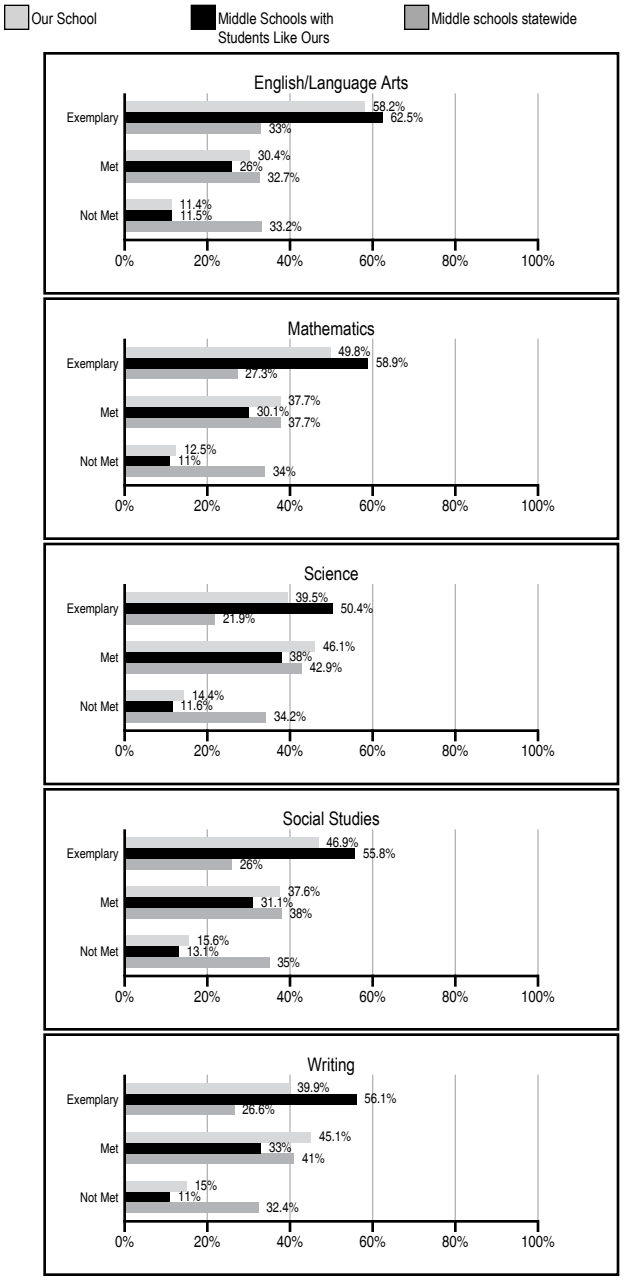
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Good	Silver	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	0	0	0	0

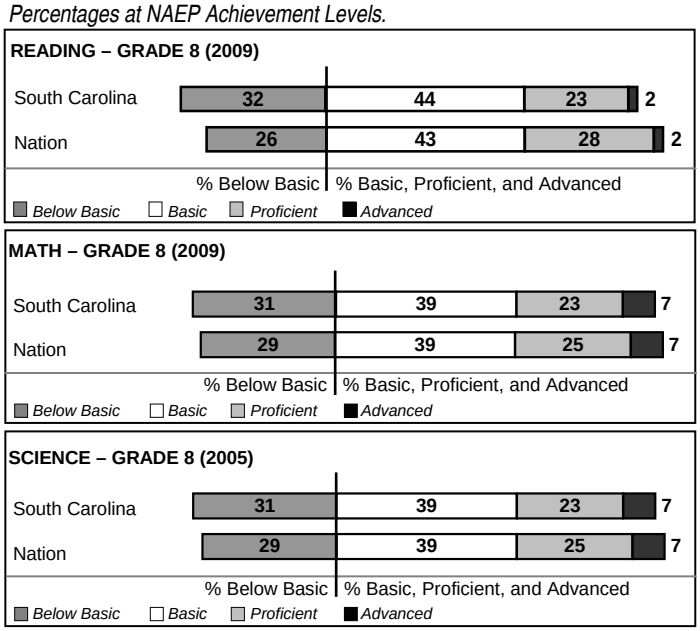
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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 - 2010

% 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	99.9
English 1	100.0	99.5
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	99.7

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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SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE [Fort Mill]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=883)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	16.3%	Down from 23.8%	50.9%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.2%	No Change	0.4%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 97.2%	96.5%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	30.4%	Down from 34.3%	38.4%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.3%	Up from 9.4%	6.9%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.5%	Up from 0.1%	0.5%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Down from 64.7%	62.6%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	92.7%	Up from 82.4%	82.3%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	2.3%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	N/A	89.2%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.3%	94.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	$52,388	Up 1.4%	$47,968	$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.8%	Up from 2.0%	0.6%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	Down from 12.7 days	8.1 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.1 to 1	Up from 21.7 to 1	22.2 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.9%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.8%	Up from 97.5%	99.6%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,379	Down 5.3%	$6,335	$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.1%	Up from 62.9%	66.1%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.6%	Up from 61.1%	64.5%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	92.0%	Down from 96.0%	95.2%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	51	276	118
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.0%	75.4%	92.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.1%	78.5%	91.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.0%	82.1%	83.2%

*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 2009-2010 school year was another very exciting one at Springfield Middle School. Our faculty, staff, students, and parent organizations experienced a great deal of success in academics, the arts, athletics, and various service-learning projects during the school year. Some of our year's successes are listed below.

-- Silver Award Winner for Student Achievement with an EXCELLENT Absolute Performance Rating and a GOOD Improvement Rating.
-- Gold Award Winner for closing the achievement gap based on academic gains made by students who fall into four subgroups of historically low-achieving students.
-- Partner School with Winthrop University through a grant called NetSCOPE. Allows us to help train future teachers though Winthrop University and the teacher internship.
-- SMS was named a Red Carpet School for our customer service and parent-friendly atmosphere by the State Department of Education.
-- 2010 State Middle School Archery Champions, Ranked 40th in the nation.
-- Middle School Mock Trial Team – 2009 Piedmont Regional Winner – Third in the state.
-- Beta Club – 61 members – 475 hours of community service – Numerous donations – $8,200 in donations collected from students and staff and given to charities.
-- 53 Eighth Graders designated as Junior Scholars.
-- 3 All State Band Members, 35 All Region Band Members, 45 All County Members.
-- Band received a Superior Rating at the State Concert Festival and a trip to Orlando-STARS Concert Festival.
-- Artist-in-Residence and 8th grade students created a tile collection to be displayed.
-- Art – eight students received awards from the Arts Council of York County – 10 art students' designs were chosen by the Comporium Directory Cover Contest.
-- Our students were involved in many fundraising ventures such as the Juvenile Diabetes Walk and Pasta for Patients.
-- Lego Robotics won 1st place Teamwork Award at the Aiken Regional Competition.
-- Boys' Soccer Team was conference champions.
-- Cheerleaders won first place in three areas at the UCA Cheerleading Camp.
-- The Nation Ford Chapter of DAR sponsored the DAR American History Essay Contest. Middle schools from Fort Mill, Indian Land, and other surrounding areas competed. A Springfield Middle School student won this contest.

The primary challenges for Springfield Middle School and the Fort Mill School District are funding and growth. We will downsize in 2010-2011, with the shifting of part of our attendance area to Fort Mill Middle. We will not use mobile units at that time. Due to lack of funding, we will have three fewer classroom teachers and class sizes will grow as students continue to move to our area. After losing our reading specialist for this school year, we will lose our math specialist for the coming school year. Our teachers will have to do more with less, but we are ready for this challenge.

Our year was packed with many successes and challenges, as we attempted to provide the best education possible for our students. With the continued support of our parents, our school will strive to provide the best education possible for our students.

Keith Griffin, Principal
Brynne Fisher, School Improvement Council Chair

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