

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

MERRIWETHER MIDDLE

Edgefield

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 391

Principal: Bobby Turner

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Rice-Crenshaw

Board Chair: Brad Covar

## 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 |            |                         |
| 2011 | Average         | Good          | TBD                            | TBD             | Not Met    | N/A                     |
| 2010 | Average         | Average       | N/A                            | N/A             | Not Met    | N/A                     |
| 2009 | Average         | Average       | N/A                            | N/A             | Not Met    | N/A                     |

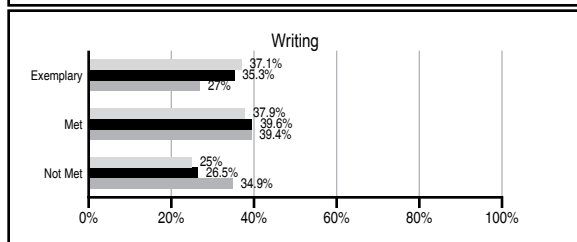
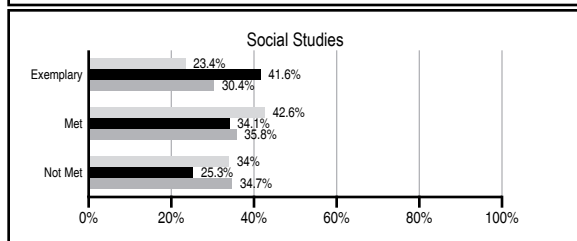
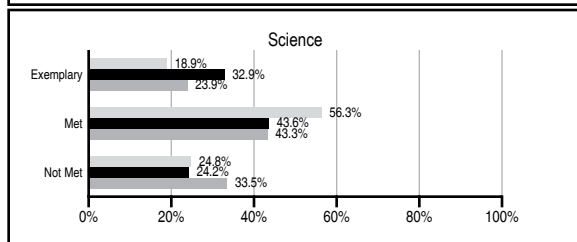
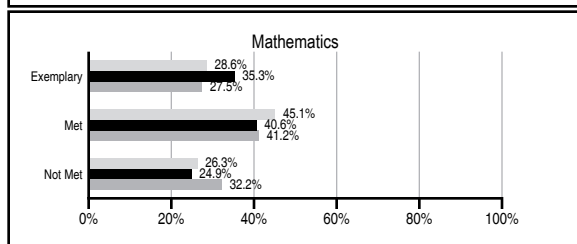
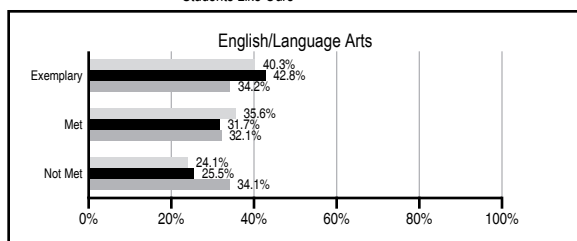
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 11        | 22   | 7       | 1             | 1       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

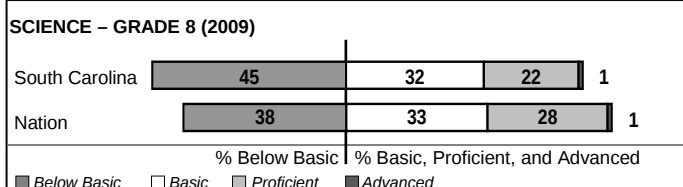
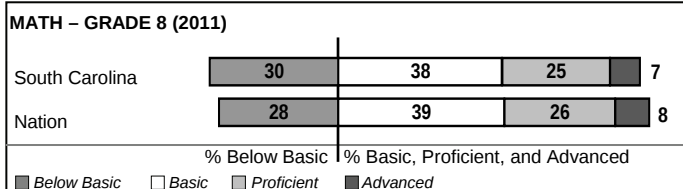
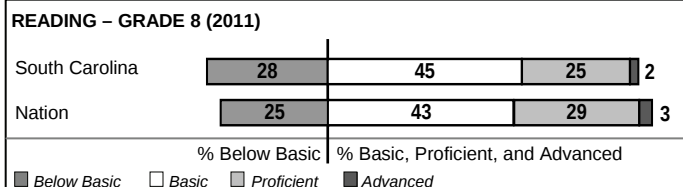
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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.



## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

| % 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             | 97.4                                   |
| English 1                             | 95.9              | 95.0                                   |
| Biology 1/Applied Biology 2           | N/A               | 94.8                                   |
| Physical Science                      | N/A               | 19.1                                   |
| US History and the Constitution       | N/A               | 100                                    |
| All Subjects                          | 97.9              | 94.8                                   |

## SC PERFORMANCE 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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# MERRIWETHER MIDDLE [Edgefield]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

|                                                                              | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools<br>with Students<br>Like Ours | Median<br>Middle<br>School |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=391)</b>                                                      |            |                       |                                              |                            |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)               | 63.2%      | Down from 67.0%       | 31.2%                                        | 24.5%                      |
| Retention rate                                                               | 0.8%       | Up from 0.5%          | 0.5%                                         | 0.7%                       |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 96.0%      | Up from 95.7%         | 96.2%                                        | 95.9%                      |
| Served by gifted and talented program                                        | 17.2%      | Up from 13.4%         | 24.4%                                        | 17.8%                      |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 11.4%      | Down from 12.9%       | 8.1%                                         | 9.2%                       |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 3.4%       | Down from 3.8%        | 1.0%                                         | 1.5%                       |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 3.1%       | Up from 2.1%          | 0.5%                                         | 0.4%                       |
| Annual dropout rate                                                          | 3.4%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.0%                                         | 0.0%                       |
| <b>Teachers (n=23)</b>                                                       |            |                       |                                              |                            |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 43.5%      | Up from 40.0%         | 59.8%                                        | 60.0%                      |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 82.6%      | Up from 80.0%         | 82.3%                                        | 82.6%                      |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 86.7%      | Down from 91.0%       | 87.7%                                        | 85.6%                      |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 93.5%      | Down from 94.4%       | 95.4%                                        | 95.3%                      |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$44,774   | Up 0.3%               | \$46,794                                     | \$46,300                   |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 11.5%      | Up from 1.6%          | 1.3%                                         | 1.2%                       |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 7.7 days   | Up from 7.3 days      | 10.0 days                                    | 9.9 days                   |
| <b>School</b>                                                                |            |                       |                                              |                            |
| Principal's years at school                                                  | 4.0        | Up from 3.0           | 5.0                                          | 4.0                        |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 23.5 to 1  | Down from 26.1 to 1   | 23.4 to 1                                    | 21.5 to 1                  |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 88.4%      | Down from 89.1%       | 90.3%                                        | 90.1%                      |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Good       | No Change             | Excellent                                    | Good                       |
| SACS accreditation                                                           | Yes        | No Change             | Yes                                          | Yes                        |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 92.1%      | Up from 88.6%         | 99.2%                                        | 98.1%                      |
| Character development program                                                | Average    | No Change             | Good                                         | Good                       |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$5,744    | Down 11.1%            | \$6,969                                      | \$7,634                    |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 63.8%      | Up from 61.5%         | 64.8%                                        | 64.0%                      |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 62.9%      | Up from 60.8%         | 62.9%                                        | 61.2%                      |
| % of AYP objectives met                                                      | 76.2%      | Down from 90.5%       | 85.3%                                        | 80.5%                      |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|                                                        | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 15       | 117       | 55       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 93.3%    | 83.8%     | 79.6%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 86.7%    | 81.0%     | 72.2%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 76.9%    | 87.1%     | 75.9%    |

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Merriwether Middle School is located in rural Edgefield County and serves approximately 390 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from various economic and ethnic backgrounds. At Merriwether Middle School, we believe that all students should be provided with opportunities for successful experiences. We strive to offer a curriculum that maximizes the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our emerging adolescents. We understand the unique needs and concerns of young adolescents as well as the developmental challenges of this age group. Our curriculum is designed to assist our middle school students through the transitional period between elementary school and high school. Every student attends five academic classes and two exploratory classes taught daily by highly qualified teachers. Exploratory classes include band, music, art, physical education, technology, keyboarding, computer-assisted instruction, and engineering. English 1, Algebra 1, Band 1 and Keyboarding are offered to eighth grade students for high school credit. High school credit in Keyboarding is also offered to qualifying 7th graders.

Many Merriwether Middle School students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the 2010-11 school years. These milestones validate the efforts of both our teachers and students in the pursuit of excellence. Thirteen eighth grade students were recognized as S.C. Junior Scholars and sixteen students as Explore Scholars. Our Mathcounts team placed second in the region and placed 9th in the state competition finals. Our Science Eco-Meet team competed in the CSRA regional competition. The Merriwether Honor Band received an Excellent rating in the SCBDA-Concert Festival and a Superior rating in the Carowinds Music Festival. For the first time in the school's history, we had one student to be selected to the ALL-State Band and 3 additional students were selected for the SCBDA All-State Region 2 Band. 100% of students enrolled in Algebra I passed the End-Of-Course Algebra 1 test and 96% of students enrolled in English I passed the End-Of-Course English 1 test. In addition, MMS had seven 7th grade students to participate in the Duke TIP Program. One eighth grade student attended the Junior National Young Leaders State Conference in Charlotte, N.C. Additionally, an MMS student represented Edgefield County in the Scripps-Howard Regional Spelling Bee and another student won the school district's State Superintendent of Education's Writing Award, and two well-deserving students were selected to attend the summer programs for the S.C. Governor's School for Science and Mathematics.

The A-Plus and Education City programs are utilized in the computer labs and within the classroom setting. Each core curriculum class is equipped with a Promethean Board. Science labs include dissections of frogs, starfish and earthworms. Project construction revolves around "Aliens", "Build A Buddy Body Systems", "Cells", "Weather", etc. Ninety students took part in the Engineering classes and participated in a LEGO on-site field trip.

The Beta Club, Yearbook Staff, FCA, WMMS daily news show and various volunteer organizations highlight positive student involvement in school activities that included the St. Jude's Math-a-thon, Toys for Tots, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

We welcome and encourage your input and participation in all aspects of the educational process. Your support and cooperation will ensure that our students continue to meet and exceed all challenges presented to them.

Bobby R. Turner, Principal  
Terry Litke, SIC Chair

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