



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**ST JAMES MIDDLE**  
 Horry  
 Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 1,050  
 Principal: Dr. D. Dwight Boykin  
 Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry  
 Board Chair: Will Garland

## 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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Average	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

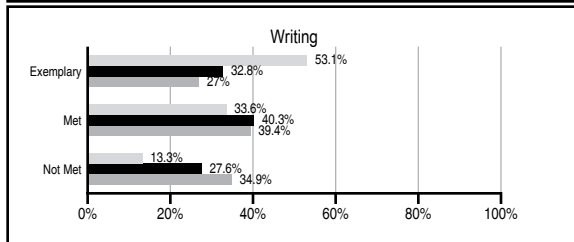
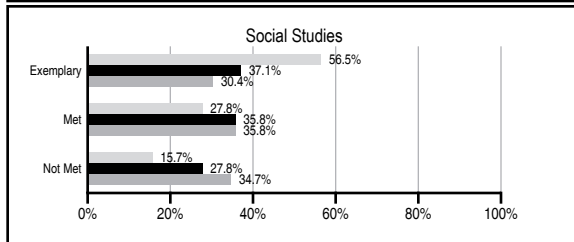
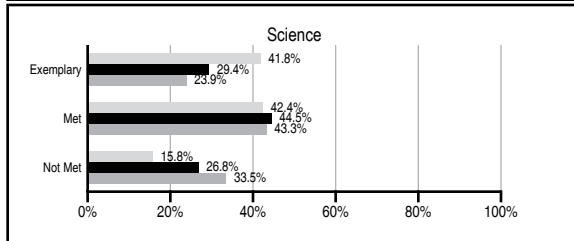
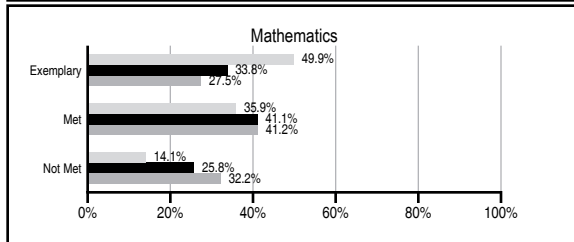
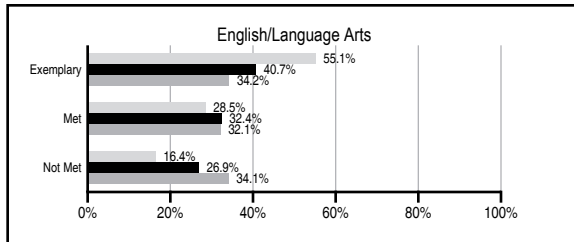
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
8	21	17	0	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.

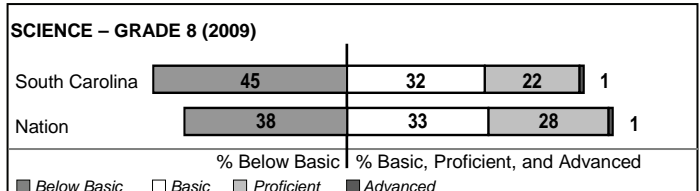
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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	98.4
English 1	100.0	93.5
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	N/A
Physical Science	N/A	18.3
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	96.2

## 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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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=1,050)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	53.2%	Down from 93.6%	31.2%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.2%	Up from 0.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	96.1%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	37.9%	Up from 35.6%	21.3%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	10.7%	Down from 13.2%	8.8%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Down from 1.1%	1.2%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 4.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=64)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 57.4%	60.9%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	81.3%	Down from 82.4%	83.7%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Down from 91.4%	87.1%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 95.0%	95.4%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,025	Up 0.1%	\$46,597	\$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	Up from 0.4%	0.9%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	14.9 days	Up from 13.9 days	10.3 days	9.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	12.0	No Change	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.0 to 1	Up from 19.5 to 1	23.3 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 90.0%	90.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.6%	99.4%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,852	Up 1.6%	\$7,255	\$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.0%	No Change	64.5%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.5%	Up from 60.0%	61.6%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	85.7%	Down from 95.7%	81.8%	80.5%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	63	324	286
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.1%	70.6%	80.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2%	76.2%	75.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.9%	82.4%	80.1%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

We began our year with the "One Team...One Dream!" school wide theme. Our first staff day was a well planned professional staff development session focused on "team building and team relationships." Our administrative team modeled each area while providing instructional strategies, classroom management skills, the latest in technology, and an effective model on collaboration. Our administrative team disaggregated our PASS state results and presented it to our staff.

Our staff and students achieved many awards. Our school finished with a number two status in schools like us in the state. Awards included 52 South Carolina Junior Scholars, 34 Explore Scholars, 4 John Hopkins' Scholars, 7 Duke TIP Scholars, 5 All County orchestra members, 5 All County, 3 All Region, and 1 All State Band members, 4 All County Chorus member, 2nd place team in Regional and a top ten place in the state in Math Counts competition. We had a District winner in the Soil and Water Conservation Essay contest. Robotics Team placed third in Low Country Lego League Regional Qualifier competition. One of our students participated advanced to the national archery competition in Louisville, Ky. In addition, our Spelling Bee and Geography Bee champions competed at the Region level, our Multi-Cultural committee held its 13th annual "Taste of St. James" dinner, Math-a-thon raised \$3,500 for St. Jude's Research Hospital, \$7,500 was raised for "Freezing for a Reason" to support Special Olympics, school participated in "Relay for Life" program to support cancer research, and our student council association has sponsored a canned food drive, a toy drive, and a scholarship fund raising event for an education major.

Our PTSO and School Improvement Council spearheaded redesigning our landscaping in our front yard and added an irrigation system. These organizations continue to provide meals and incentives for students and staff through-out the school year. We continue to focus on academics including our "20/20" 40 minute school wide reading comprehension program, implementing/adjusting our instructional strategies based on disaggregated data from PASS, MAP, Benchmark tests, and classroom assessments. Our administrative team follows through with teachers in collaborative team meetings. We held an Academic Pep Rally for our staff and students in preparation for PASS based on "Riding the Wave to Success!" Our teachers continue to promote enrichment programs including Math All Stars, Math Olympiad, Life Skills, Math Counts, Mock Trial, and our Cabana Reading incentive program. Our local International Rotary Club rewards three students for most academically improved at our quarterly awards assemblies. We had over 50 local businesses who participated in our "Partners In Education" program. Our Career Specialist arranged field trips to allow our 6th graders to visit local businesses, arranged speakers from many careers to visit and present in all 7th grade classes, and met with all 8th graders reviewing their career possibilities.

We are blessed to be able to work in a great county with a wonderful Advisory Board, District Office, and Board of Education who enables us to reach our goals and aspirations.

Mr. Craig Kenley, School Improvement Council Chairperson  
Dr. D. Dwight Boykin, Principal

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