SC Annual School Report Card Summary

DACUSVILLE MIDDLE
Pickens
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 330**
Principal: Andrew Hooker
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

PERFORMANCE

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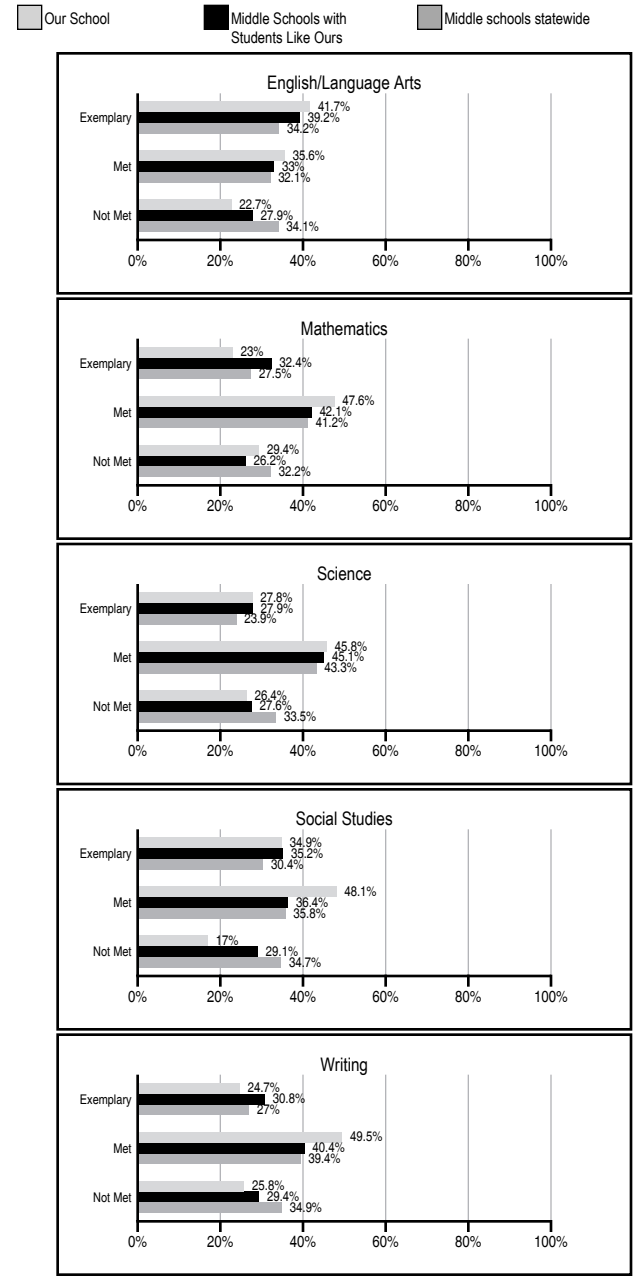
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	20	25	0	1

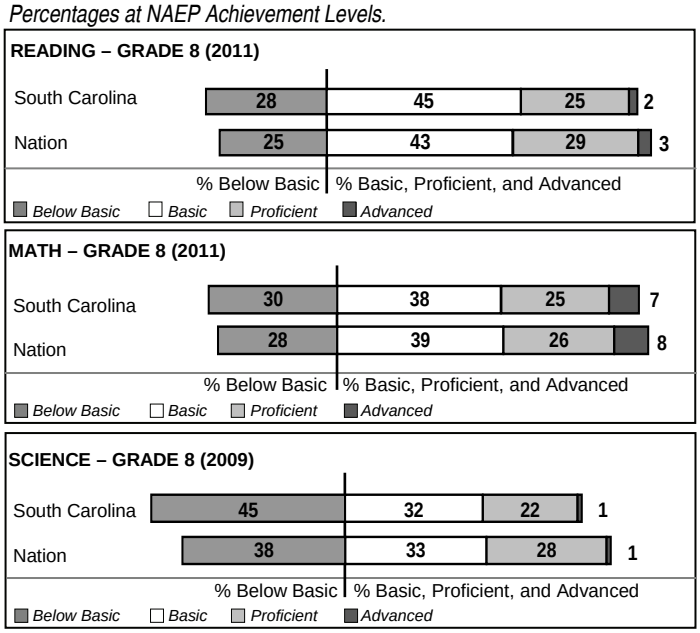
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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	98.0
English 1	96.0	92.1
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	N/A
Physical Science	N/A	27.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.9	95.8

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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DACUSVILLE MIDDLE [Pickens]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=330)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	82.4%	Up from 54.2%	30.8%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.8%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.6%	96.1%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.6%	Up from 12.7%	21.1%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	12.9%	Up from 12.5%	8.9%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Down from 1.9%	1.1%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Up from 0.3%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=22)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	77.3%	Down from 81.8%	59.6%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	90.9%	No Change	84.0%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Up from 89.7%	85.6%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 95.0%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$47,974	Down 0.3%	$46,514	$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	19.5 days	Up from 9.9 days	9.6 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.3 to 1	Down from 24.2 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 89.2%	90.3%	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 97.2%	99.6%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,413	Down 3.7%	$7,255	$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.6%	Down from 54.1%	64.2%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.9%	Up from 51.0%	61.6%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	94.1%	Down from 100.0%	81.0%	80.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	20	95	50
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.2%	75.5%	83.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0%	83.0%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.7%	87.2%	85.7%

*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

Dacusville Middle School serves a rural community located in the northeastern corner of Pickens County. We have a dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to providing a quality education. We provide a student-centered, nurturing environment in which all students may experience success. Our students attend a state-of-the-art facility located on a 113-acre campus. The air conditioned, handicapped-accessible school has 2 computer labs, 2 mobile computer labs with new DELL laptops, 3 science labs with Science Cows(Computers on Wheels), 1 gymnasium, a 220-seat cafeteria, Media Center with 6,872 volumes, and 24 permanent classrooms, each with Promethean Boards. The campus also includes a walking trail, butterfly garden, fish pond, and bird sanctuary.

At Dacusville Middle School we are continuing to plan strategies to improve student performance. Several strategies include: remediation classes, embedded staff development emphasizing instruction, curriculum coaching, and grade level incentive programs through the implementation of the TAP model. Dacusville Middle offers many special programs for our students including: Band, Chorus, Strings, Physical Education, Keyboarding, Agricultural Education, job shadowing, Gifted and Talented, Special Education, Alternative Education, Guidance and Counseling Services, on-site health services, educational field trips, and athletic teams, including volleyball, basketball, baseball, and cheerleading. Activities at Dacusville Middle School include: Student Council, Beta Club, FFA, Teens Influencing Peers, Career Fair, job shadowing, Character Education, teacher mentoring through the T.I.D.E.S program, school pageant, dances, concerts, Habitat Project, and many other service learning opportunities. We also offer Algebra I, English I, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications for high school credit.

Our school makes efforts to involve the community in a variety of programs including: the school Habitat Project, school/business partnerships, volunteer training, fundraising activities, newsletter, Open House and $1 Hot Dog Night, Back to School Orientation, Parent Night, Parent Orientation, Rising 6th Grade Parent Night, Walk for Education, Community Service Projects, PTO, Backpack Blessings, and School Improvement Council. Among our accomplishments in recent school years are the following:

SC Palmetto Silver Award Winner
1 National Board Certified Teacher
Awarding on a Wal-Mart Environmental Grant
Continued accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SC Junior Scholars and Duke TIP Scholars
All Region Band and Orchestra
Student Council Award Winning Scrapbook—Middle School Division
Student Council awarded Gold Gavel Award at state convention
Safe Kids Upstate Award Winner for school safety
First Lego League Robotics Team competed in state competition

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