SC Annual School Report Card Summary

R C EDWARDS MIDDLE
Pickens
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 768**
Principal: Gary Culler
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

PERFORMANCE

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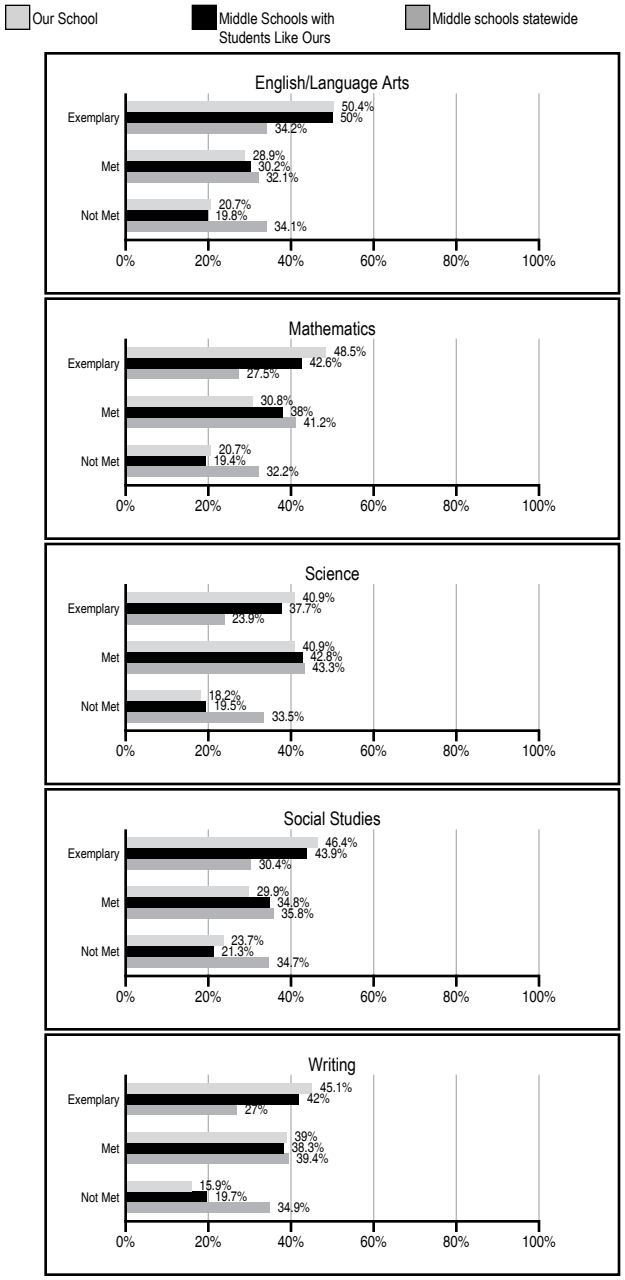
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	3	1	0	0

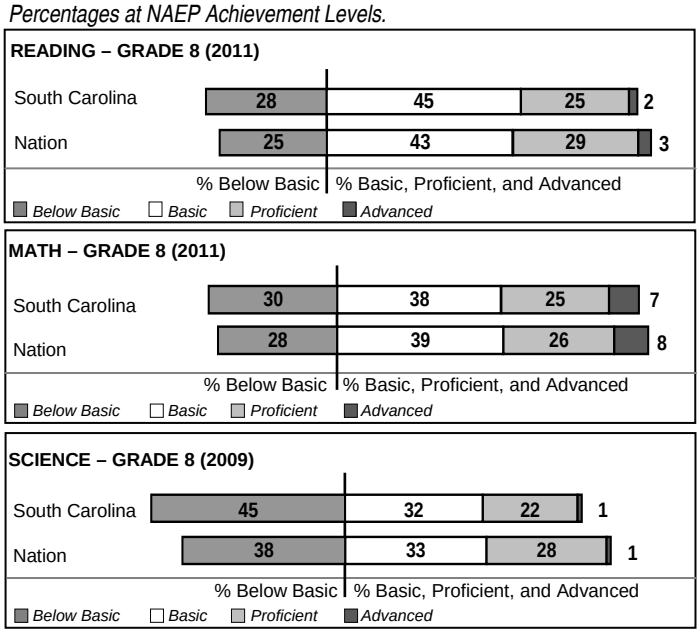
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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	99.2
English 1	100.0	99.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	N/A
Physical Science	100.0	100.0
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	99.4

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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R C EDWARDS MIDDLE [Pickens]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=768)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	49.1%	Up from 45.7%	42.9%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Down from 96.4%	96.9%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	38.4%	Up from 35.6%	26.9%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	10.6%	Down from 13.5%	6.6%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Down from 1.1%	0.9%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Up from 0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.9%	Up from 65.3%	60.9%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	97.7%	Up from 91.8%	88.1%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.7%	Down from 91.8%	88.9%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 96.0%	94.8%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$48,046	Down 0.1%	$48,696	$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.3%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	3.8 days	Up from 3.3 days	8.1 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 1.0	2.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.6 to 1	Down from 26.0 to 1	25.1 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 91.7%	91.1%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	71.3%	Up from 66.8%	97.7%	98.1%
Character development program	Below Average	Up from At-Risk	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,977	Down 5.2%	$6,212	$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.9%	Down from 58.9%	64.9%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.9%	Up from 54.3%	63.4%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	80.0%	Down from 92.0%	89.7%	80.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	45	249	127
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.7%	79.4%	75.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8%	85.0%	81.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.9%	85.5%	65.6%

*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 2010-2011 school year has been a year of achievement for R.C. Edwards Middle School. It is the mission of our school to "promote high standards of academic achievement, personal achievement, and career development in a safe environment", and we have accomplished this through numerous opportunities.

We received the Palmetto Gold Award from the State Department of Education. Our Algebra 1 classes scored an average of 95% and our English 1 classes scored an average of 94% on the end of course exams. Our festival band scored top honors at a national competition in Chicago. The Chess Club finished first in the State competition and our MATHCOUNTS team placed in the regional as well as the State competitions. R. C. Edwards also had a number of grade 8 students named South Carolina Junior Scholars and grade 7 students qualify for the Talent Search Program sponsored by Duke University.

Some exemplary programs at R.C. Edwards include our Panthers in Action, Students of the Month, The 100% Club and Breakfast of Champions. The Panthers in Action are our tour guides for new students; the Student of the Month Program identifies students who have excelled in the classroom; the 100% Club is for students who have turned in all of their work for the quarter; and the Breakfast of Champions rewards students who have not incurred disciplinary action during the quarter.

In an effort to invest in the surrounding community, R.C. Edwards contributes to many outreach programs. Students and faculty make donations to local charities such as Relay for Life, Hoops for Heart and United Way; participate in fundraisers and Senior Citizens Day.

R.C. Edwards Middle School would not be the learning environment for students that it is without the help and support of parents, volunteers, community, teachers and staff.

Susan Batson, School Improvement Council Chairperson
Gary Culler, Principal

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