SC Annual School Report Card Summary

RICHARD H GETTYS MIDDLE
Pickens
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 1,317**
Principal: Michael S. Cory
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

PERFORMANCE

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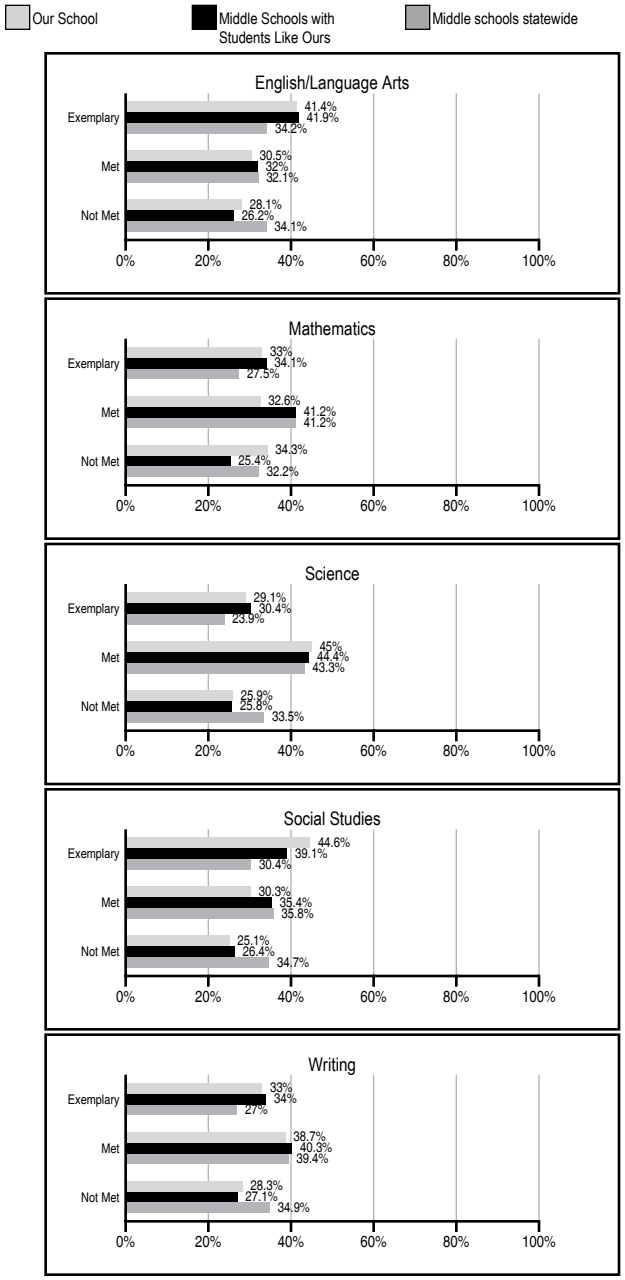
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
8	23	13	0	1

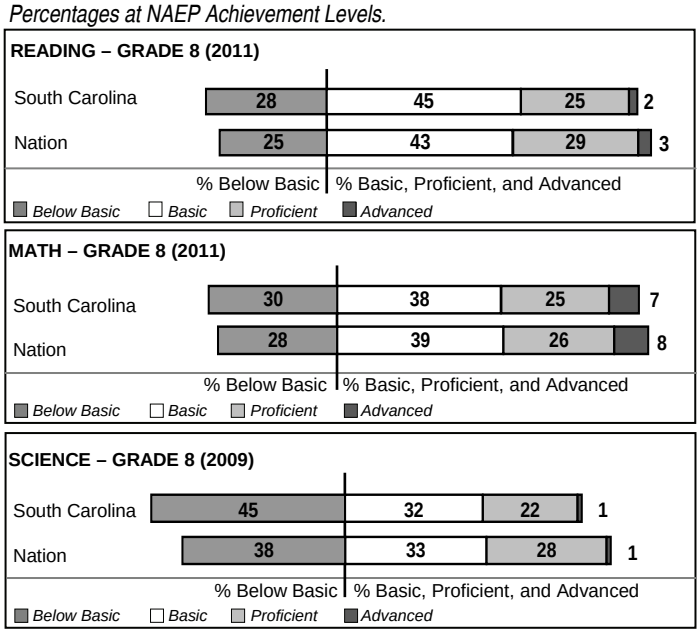
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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	98.8	97.6
English 1	100.0	92.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	96.9
Physical Science	N/A	24.1
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100
All Subjects	99.3	95.3

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
Students (n=1,317)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	61.7%	Down from 62.4%	31.0%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.0%	96.1%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	27.1%	Up from 24.5%	21.5%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Down from 11.1%	8.4%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.4%	Up from 1.2%	0.9%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.1%	0.4%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=76)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.5%	Up from 64.1%	61.3%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	82.9%	Down from 84.6%	82.0%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.8%	Down from 84.9%	87.7%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 96.5%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$46,763	Down 1.4%	$46,790	$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.4%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.9 days	Up from 10.4 days	10.0 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.4 to 1	Up from 23.0 to 1	23.3 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 92.0%	90.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Up from 84.5%	99.1%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,372	Down 2.9%	$7,146	$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.3%	Down from 62.7%	64.5%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.4%	Up from 57.5%	62.1%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	69.0%	Down from 92.6%	81.8%	80.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	70	386	188
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.7%	67.7%	84.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.0%	73.8%	76.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.0%	82.9%	81.1%

*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

Gettys Middle School students, staff, administration, and community are "Making Gettys Great." The 2010-2011 school year has been a very successful year at Gettys Middle School. We have set high expectations for our students learning and development. Our school's absolute rating was the highest we achieved in the past eight years and higher than 73% of all middle schools in South Carolina.

Academically, our students have achieved award winning excellence. Our focus on literacy initiatives produced five significant writing awards for our students. These five students from our school placed in the top ten of the SC Dialogue Foundations Writing Contest and one of our teachers were named their Teacher of the Year. A record number of students received Presidential Academic Excellence awards from President Obama as well as dedicated participation in our National Junior Honor Society and BETA Clubs. Our students completed MAPS testing to chart their individual growth in Math and English and numerous students have shown outstanding gains. As a school, our students exceeded national averages in all grade levels and all subjects tested for each of the three MAPS testing periods. Several students participated in the Bi-Lo Invention Convention in the area of Science and Technology and one student was recognized for his outstanding math performance by MathCounts. Other successful clubs were the Robotics Club, History Club and Mock Trial Club that increased student engagement and academic success.

Our goals are to achieve academic excellence, positive character development, and successful partnerships with our families and communities. Each of these goals was accomplished with award-winning efforts and people working together. Our Red Carpet Award school received the 2011 Safe Kids School Award for our emphasis on safety and student wellness. The Bridges to Success academic program that meets the needs of at-risk learners showed excellent results. Our teacher's outstanding efforts were recognized in two grant awards: the ING grant that focused on student wellness in our school's 5K walk/run as well as the Target Grant to support our students on field trips. An English teacher was awarded the WYFF Golden Apple Award, another teacher received national board certification, and a Social Studies teacher received the Palmetto Award. Our efforts on character education produced award lunches for hundreds of students that was sponsored by our PTO organization. We also benefited from tremendous support from our Breaker Buddies mentoring program and Clemson University's Middle Passage. Our students conducted numerous service projects and donated to several community charities. Athletically, all of our teams had successful seasons. Our Fine Arts received numerous awards including our band program that received their first Outstanding Band Program Award. An Art student received a third place award by the Pickens County Cultural Commission for their creative work. We are extremely grateful to our students, staff, volunteers and PTO parent organization for a very successful year. Working together we can continue to "Make Gettys Great!"

Michael Cory, Principal and Twon Austin, SIC Chairman

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