

Northwood Middle School

710 Lakes Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	867 Students	
Principal	Richard L. Griffin	864-355-7000
Superintendent	Mr. Burke Royster	864-355-3100
Board Chair	Mr. Roger Meek	864-233-8587

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Good	Good
2011	Good	Good
2010	Good	Good
2009	Average	Average
2008	Average	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA 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.

Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located

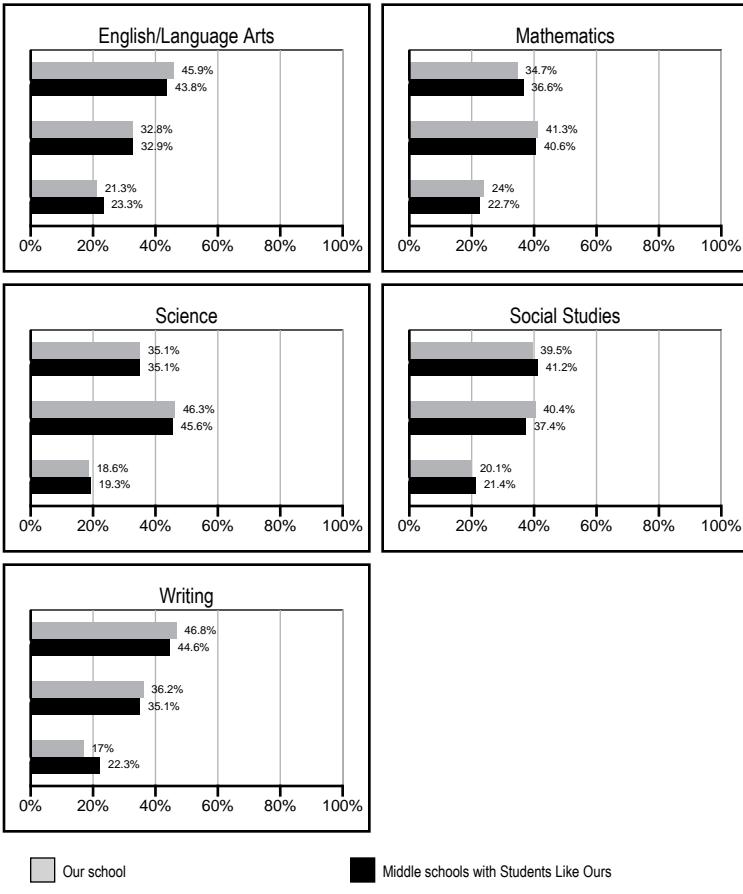
95.7%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
19	15	6	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Middle schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 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%	93.4%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	9%
All Subjects	100.0%	95.1%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=867)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	50.5%	Up from 28.5%	25.0%	22.9%
Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 1.0%	0.7%	0.8%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.5%	96.5%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 0.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=48)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 60.0%	63.6%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	88.7%	Down from 90.7%	89.2%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 93.1%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,853	Down 3.3%	\$47,505	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	43.2 days	Up from 10.1 days	10.4 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.5	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.3 to 1	Down from 28.4 to 1	24.0 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 89.5%	90.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.4%	Down from 100.0%	98.8%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	Up from Below Average	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,481	Down 10.3%	\$6,922	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.4%	Up from 66.2%	63.1%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.8%	Up from 65.3%	61.6%	60.9%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Northwood Middle School continues to be a successful middle school with strong involvement of parents through our PTA, SIC and volunteer opportunities. The school's motto is "Northwood: A Community of Learners." Our open door policy encourages parents to come in and be an integral part of their child's education.

Northwood has completed its fourth year in the new facility and its impact can be felt throughout the program. The building is equipped with Promethean Boards in every classroom, including the gym, three fully equipped computer labs, and three portable lap top carts. Northwood is also in its fourth year of its uniform dress code which requires students to wear khaki shorts/pants with solid colored shirts. This has had a tremendous impact on the quality of the students' performance. An indicator of the progress Northwood students are making is the continuance of our Absolute and Improvement Ratings as "Good". This led to Northwood being named a "Silver Award" winning school for the second year in a row.

Northwood's academic achievement goals for the past year were based on the PASS test. They called for maintaining an 80.7% scoring Met or better on the Math portion of the test, and a 5.4% increase in the number scoring Met or better on the ELA portion. PASS results were not in yet to include in this report.

Northwood continues to have successful programs that serve students. Among these are the Black Heritage Bowl Team, the Invention Convention, the History Club, the PTA Reflections Contest, the Career and Mentoring Club, and the career awareness/character education program funded by the Education Economic Development Act. This year Northwood Middle swept the top three places in the Upstate Invention Convention for 6th grade. Northwood also sponsors an award winning year book and a student newspaper. Northwood sponsors the National Junior Honor Society, the Student Council, various Honor Rolls, including the B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) Honor Roll to encourage students to always try to improve themselves and their grades. The school also sponsors the Northwood Knight program to encourage good citizenship and respect among students.

Northwood continues to strive for improvement for its students through our yearly self-evaluation Portfolio for Continuous Improvement model. Professional Development for the staff and communication with home continues to be focal points for our school.

Richard L. Griffin, Principal
Susan Smith, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	232	250
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.3%	73.7%	81.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2%	77.9%	81.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.0%	88.3%	75.8%

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

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	93.0
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Northwood Middle School school has been designated as a:

- Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.2%	5.1%
	Our School	State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.3%	0.0%
Student attendance rate	96.4%	94.0%*

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 6-8						
All Students	656.3	650.0	644.5	643.9	99.4	99.5
Male	654.4	652.0	648.5	648.2	99.3	99.5
Female	658.4	647.8	640.3	638.9	99.5	99.5
White	667.7	660.4	656.3	654.8	99.6	99.6
African American	631.5	624.3	619.0	617.8	98.5	99.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	648.1	658.5	634.1	642.6	100.0	100.0
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	592.6	598.2	585.0	587.5	97.8	97.8
Limited English Proficient	637.3	637.8	627.2	628.3	100.0	100.0
Subsidized meals	639.8	631.4	629.7	626.4	98.7	99.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	624.0	624.0	624.0	624.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	293	99.7	20.3	29.3	50.4	79.7
	7	278	99.3	28.8	29.9	41.3	71.2
	8	294	99.3	29.1	32.4	38.5	70.9
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	272	99.6	16	29.3	54.7	84
	7	302	99	17.1	35.2	47.7	82.9
	8	281	99.6	29.6	34.2	36.2	70.4
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	293	99.7	17	47.5	35.5	83
2011	7	278	98.9	22.4	50.6	27	77.6
	8	294	99.3	18.7	52.2	29.1	81.3
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	272	99.6	18	37.1	44.9	82
	7	302	99.3	24.4	42.2	33.4	75.6
	8	281	99.6	28.5	46.2	25.4	71.5
Mathematics							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	293	99.7	17	47.5	35.5	83
	7	278	98.9	22.4	50.6	27	77.6
	8	294	99.3	18.7	52.2	29.1	81.3
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	272	99.6	18	37.1	44.9	82
	7	302	99.3	24.4	42.2	33.4	75.6
	8	281	99.6	28.5	46.2	25.4	71.5
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	143	99.3	23.7	57.8	18.5	76.3
2012	7	277	98.9	29.7	54	16.3	70.3
	8	147	99.3	19.4	32.4	48.2	80.6
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	137	100	25.4	54.6	20	74.6
	7	302	99	14.9	45.1	39.9	85.1
	8	139	98.6	19.2	39.2	41.6	80.8

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	150	100	14.8	49.3	35.9	85.2
	7	277	98.6	29	33.2	37.8	71
	8	147	97.3	30.9	34.6	34.6	69.1
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	137	99.3	11.6	48.1	40.3	88.4
	7	301	99	20.2	39	40.8	79.8
	8	141	100	27.6	36.6	35.8	72.4
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	292	98.3	21.7	44.2	34.1	78.3
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	285	98.3	16.7	36.4	47	83.3

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