



CrossRoads Middle

6949 St. Andrews Road
Columbia, SC 29212

Grades	6 Middle School	
Enrollment	993 Students	
Principal	Jess L. Hutchinson	803-476-8300
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Board Chair	Robert Gantt	803-781-5408

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	Excellent
2008	Good	Good

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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

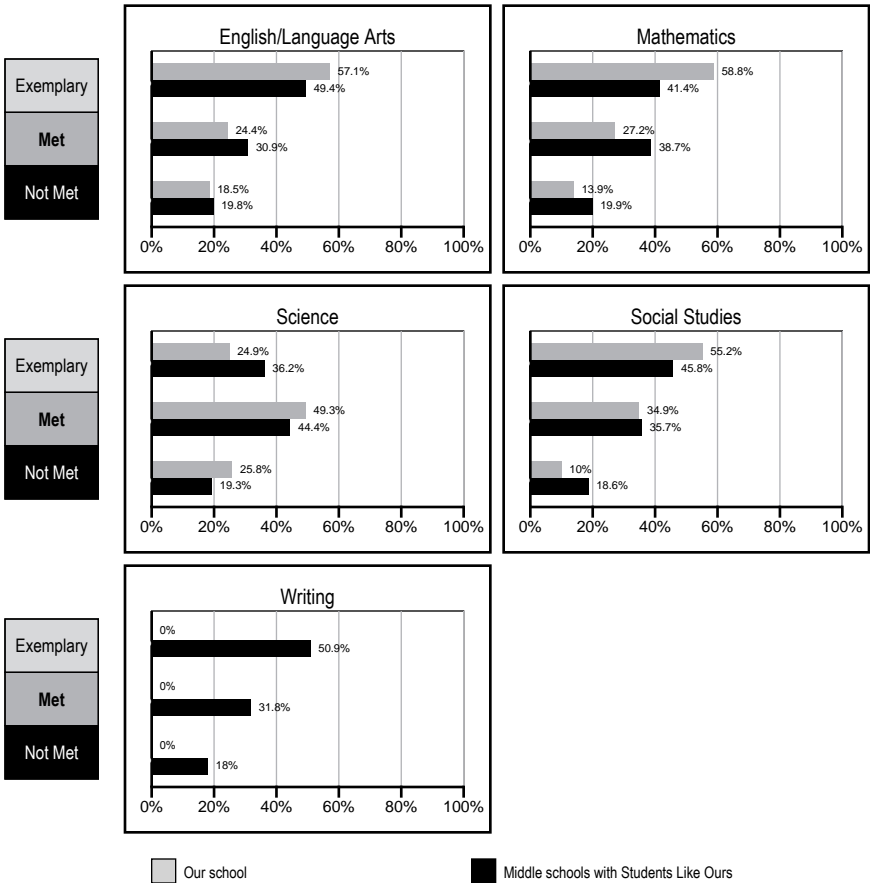
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 96.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
19	5	3	0	0

* 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	N/A	98.2%
English 1	N/A	93.5%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	N/A	98.0%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=993)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	N/R	N/R	39.0%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.5%	0.8%
Attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 97.0%	96.9%	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	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=63)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.4%	Down from 72.3%	62.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	92.2%	Up from 88.5%	89.1%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.0%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$54,362	Up 0.3%	\$48,874	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	13.5 days	Up from 12.3 days	9.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1	Up from 18.4 to 1	23.8 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 90.2%	91.2%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.5%	Down from 99.6%	99.5%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,956	Up 6.6%	\$6,753	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.7%	Down from 67.0%	63.7%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	Down from 65.9%	63.0%	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

The mission statement of CrossRoads Middle School describes our school as a place where “children are cherished and challenged” at a true crossroads in their lives. We take our mission statement to heart in everything that we do. It guides all our decisions and we work to be faithful to it in all our actions. CrossRoads considers itself and the community it serves to be a closely-knit family, working together to provide the best educational possibilities for all students. We believe it is important to recognize our diverse population and we work to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

We are indeed proud of our accomplished students and staff members. In 2011-12, almost 400 students were initiated into the National Junior Beta Club. School and team newsletters, e-mail, and a frequently updated website kept our parents informed and connected to our school. Parent Portal, a web-based program, allowed parents to view their child’s attendance, discipline records, and grades. One more teacher was designated as National Board Certified, bringing the total number of teachers earning this certification to 26. CrossRoads was a recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award, recognizing our students’ excellent performance on the 2011 spring administration of PASS. In addition, CRMS received the Palmetto Silver Closing the Achievement Gap Award. This award recognizes schools that make significant gains in performance levels of targeted student groups.

Last year, more than 800 students were involved in single gender classes for the four core content areas. This initiative has been very successful for our students. Teachers and parents report that students have been more focused, tried new challenges, and achieved better grades than in previous school years. Students report that they feel more confident in the core content classes. In a comparison of CrossRoads’ students to a national sample, MAP results indicate that students in single gender classes at CrossRoads for the 2011-12 school year performed extraordinarily well, exceeding the performance of their counterparts in primarily mixed gender classes.

Our exceptionally well-qualified and dedicated teachers worked to provide students with an academic toolbox to prepare them for the secondary experience. Teachers aligned instruction with state standards through curriculum mapping, planned lessons using the DesCartes Learning Continuum to address specific RIT band skills, and expanded its use of formative assessment to make informed instructional decisions. In support of our literacy initiatives, additional reading time was allotted through the All Cougars Reading program.

CrossRoads takes pride in its enthusiastic commitment to make sixth-grade unforgettable for all of our students. We encourage your participation in the activities of our school and appreciate your continued support as we work to provide the best in educational opportunities.

Wendy Ruocco, SIC Chairperson

Jess Hutchinson, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	70	927	323
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.1%	77.8%	88.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.6%	77.7%	86.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.6%	84.0%	84.2%

* 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	94.2
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

CrossRoads Middle 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	5.6%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.2%	94.0%*	Yes

* 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	673.1	687.1	634.6	676.1	100.0	100.0
Male	667.7	683.6	633.7	682.8	100.0	100.0
Female	678.3	690.4	635.5	670.1	100.0	100.0
White	694.1	706.8	653.3	687.4	100.0	100.0
African American	643.7	655.6	608.5	652.1	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	695.7	738.9	684.2	722.7	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	601.7	606.7	574.1	628.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	656.8	688.8	644.1	694.3	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	645.2	656.7	611.1	650.7	100.0	100.0
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	913	99.9	20.5	29.1	50.4	79.5
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	982	100	18.5	24.4	57.1	81.5
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
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	913	99.9	14.6	34.3	51.1	85.4
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	982	100	13.9	27.2	58.8	86.1
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
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	460	99.8	24	50.6	25.4	76
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	490	99.8	25.6	49.4	25	74.4
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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	453	99.6	10.8	42.5	46.7	89.2
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	492	99.8	9.8	34.9	55.3	90.2
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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