



Ebenezer Middle School

3440 Ebenezer Road
Sumter, SC 29153

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	361 Students	
Principal	Marlene De Wit	803-469-8571
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Board Chair	Larry D. Addison	803-469-6900

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Good
2010	Average	Average
2009	Average	Average
2008	Below Average	Average

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.

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

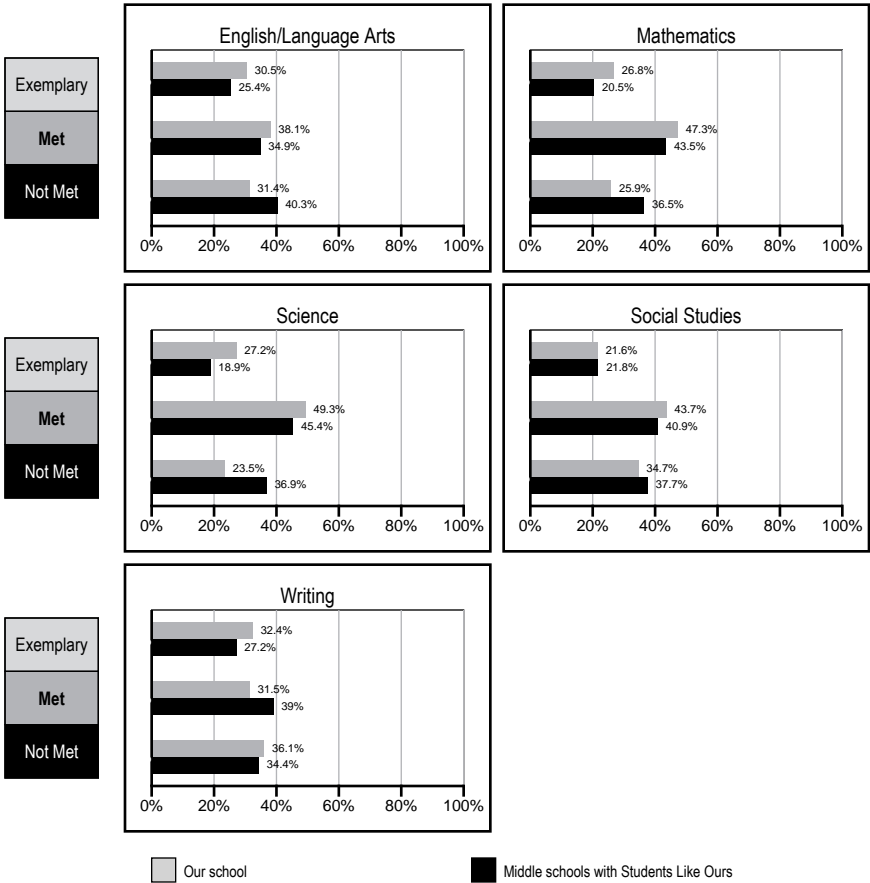
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 97%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	2	40	7	4

* 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	96.3%	96.0%
English 1	96.3%	86.3%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	96.3%	94.6%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=361)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	11.3%	N/R	18.3%	22.9%
Retention rate	2.2%	N/A	1.0%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.8%	N/A	95.8%	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%	N/R	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.0%	N/A	60.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	79.4%	N/A	84.7%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	N/R	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,221	I/S	\$45,337	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	N/R	10.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	N/R	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	N/R	22.2 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	N/R	89.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/R	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/R	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	80.0%	N/R	98.1%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	N/R	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$7,991	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	61.6%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	57.8%	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 of Ebenezer Middle School is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe and orderly environment. During the 2011-2012 school year, our dedicated teachers and staff have worked diligently to ensure that our mission was accomplished.

EMS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). We received the Palmetto Silver Award in recognition of the significant gains on PASS. We are proud of our students and their accomplishments. Twenty students have been named USC-Sumter Junior Scholars, four students are South Carolina Junior Scholars, and 27 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. The Sumter Chamber of Commerce honored 12 students for outstanding citizenship. The Evening Optimist Club honored one of our students as the Outstanding Middle School Male Student of the Year. We are proud to have the largest middle school FBLA chapter in the state. Our students received numerous awards at the FBLA State Conference in Charleston. Additional student successes have been recognized and celebrated throughout the year with a variety of activities.

As we continue to meet the challenges of improving student achievement, teachers and administrators recognize the need to stress active learning, academic rigor, and high expectations. In addition to PASS data, analysis of MAP and student report card data throughout the year helps strengthen and improve instruction. The use of technology is important to ensure classroom resources are up-to-date and relevant. Computers, LCD projectors, and Promethean boards are available, and district as well as in-house training is provided for teachers to stay current and to plan cross-curricular activities.

Beyond the classroom, students have had an impact on the community. The FBLA has an active recycling program. They were the recipients of the national FBLA Go Green Project. Our faculty and students participated in many fundraising activities for organizations such as Relay for Life, the March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Pennies for Patients, care packages for service members that were stationed overseas, Operation Christmas Child, and the adoption of Ebenezer Road. During the holidays, we participated in "Shower Shaw with Cookies" to show support for the men and women stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. Our primary goal for the 2012-2013 school years will be a continued focus on reading in the content areas as well as providing staff development on Differentiated Instruction. Ebenezer Middle School plans to continue to meet the challenges of the 21st century through academics, technology, and community service.

Marlene De Wit, Principal
Cynthia Montgomery-Smith, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	103	76
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.3%	62.4%	81.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0%	73.3%	82.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.2%	77.3%	77.0%

* 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	93.8
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

Ebenezer 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	0.0%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.9%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.8%	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	639.0	643.8	633.8	621.2	100.0	100.0
Male	637.3	645.8	642.0	627.9	100.0	100.0
Female	641.4	641.1	623.0	611.9	100.0	100.0
White	663.2	664.6	655.7	648.1	100.0	100.0
African American	631.7	636.5	625.5	612.6	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	587.9	595.4	595.7	587.3	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	632.9	639.2	630.3	616.3	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/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
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	123	100	27.3	38.2	34.5	72.7
	7	121	100	29.6	36.5	33.9	70.4
	8	120	100	35.5	39.1	25.5	64.5
Mathematics							
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
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	123	100	23.6	39.1	37.3	76.4
	7	121	100	31.3	46.1	22.6	68.7
	8	120	100	21.8	59.1	19.1	78.2
Science							
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
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	60	100	25.5	58.2	16.4	74.5
	7	121	100	19.1	47.8	33	80.9
	8	60	100	30.2	41.5	28.3	69.8

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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/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/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	63	100	40	45.5	14.5	60
	7	121	100	32.2	42.6	25.2	67.8
	8	60	100	33.3	45.6	21.1	66.7
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/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	120	97.5	35.5	31.8	32.7	64.5

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