



## Hillcrest Middle School

4355 Peach Orchard Road  
Dalzell, SC 29040

<b>Grades</b>	6-8 Middle School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	463 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Tarsha Stagers	803-499-3341
<b>Superintendent</b>	Randolph D. Bynum, Sr.	803-469-6900
<b>Board Chair</b>	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
<b>2012</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>
2011	Good	Good
2010	Average	Good
2009	Average	Average
2008	Average	Below 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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>  
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

**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

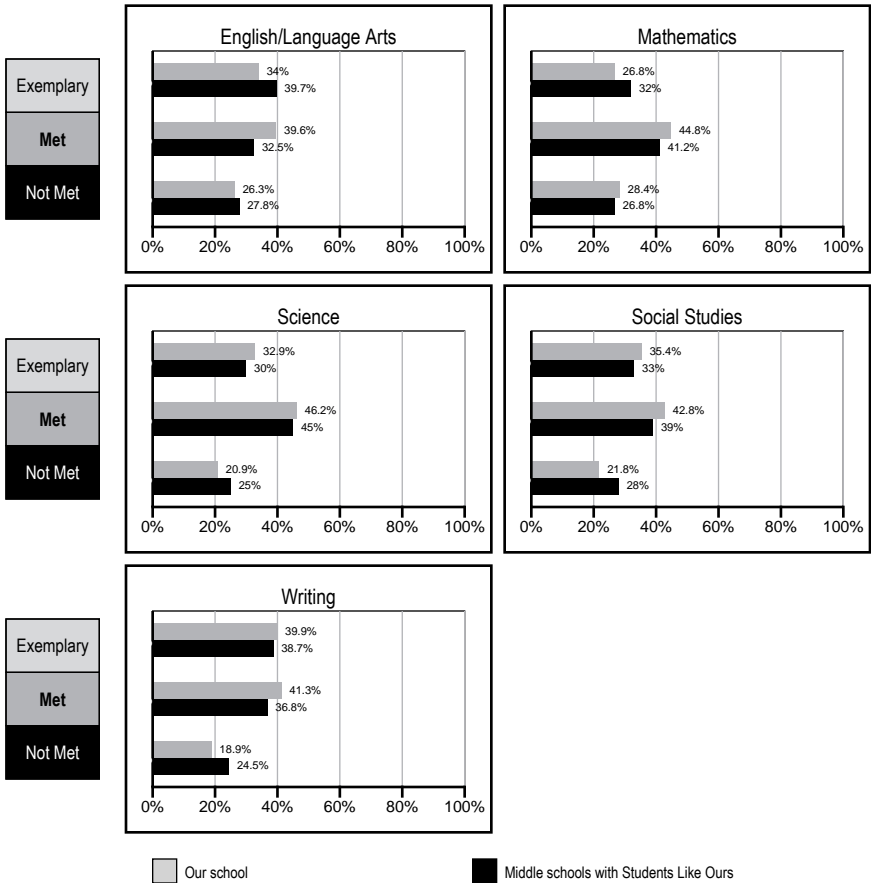
94.2%

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
7	23	29	1	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	96.0%	97.1%
English 1	96.0%	95.4%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	96.0%	96.6%

## School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=463)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	52.7%	N/R	29.4%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.2%	N/A	0.7%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.5%	N/A	96.0%	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	0.8%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=25)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.0%	N/A	61.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	85.6%	N/A	88.9%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	N/R	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,261	I/S	\$47,101	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	9.7 days	N/R	10.1 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	8.0	N/R	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.5 to 1	N/R	22.9 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	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	92.3%	N/R	98.8%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	N/R	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$6,995	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	64.4%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	62.9%	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

This has been an exceptional year at Hillcrest Middle School, a school with a safe, structured, and nurturing environment that encourages excellence. Hillcrest offers a challenging, relevant, standards-driven curriculum supported by a highly effective faculty and staff. Our mission statement drives all that we do: "Believing, Achieving and Succeeding through Academics, Citizenship and Service." Our focus is to teach the whole student.

Student achievement was addressed through the continued implementation of unique courses focused on improving reading, math, science, and social studies skills. Math Topics and Contemporary Literature offered students opportunities to improve their skills through a plethora of novels for reading and hands-on math activities, allowing student application of concepts to real world problems. Science Research offered students opportunities to research areas of interest and apply all areas of the curriculum to their learning. Activities included working with robotics through the Lego League and conducting a variety of scientific investigations. Political Science allowed involvement in government as well as an introduction to economics. The Youth Leadership Initiative introduced current political processes. The Office of Economic Education introduced economics and the study of how money works with students participating in the Stock Market Game.

Maintaining and increasing teacher quality was addressed by providing professional development and training based on research-supported standards including book studies, workshop participation and summer institutes to keep abreast of the current trends. Teachers started training with the new Common Core Standards, which will soon replace the SC State Standards.

School climate was improved through continuing our student service learning projects, with students actively participating within the school and community. Involvement included Math-A-Thon, recycling, Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, canned food drives, and helping with our local senior citizen center. Honors for our school community include four SC Junior Scholars, awards at the Region II Science and Engineering Fair, along with many other academic, athletic and related arts awards.

We are very proud of all the accomplishments of our students. Our belief is that education is a team effort with teachers, parents, and students working together to make our school a great place to learn and grow.

Robert Barth, Principal  
Dr. Candy Richburg, School Improvement Council Chairman

## Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	16	117	49
Percent satisfied with learning environment	68.8%	68.1%	68.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	80.0%	65.5%	61.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.0%	71.6%	66.7%

\* 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.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>88.6</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>B</b>

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

Hillcrest 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	0.7%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.5%	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
<b>Grades 6-8</b>						
All Students	645.0	642.8	642.5	640.7	99.6	99.6
Male	638.8	639.3	642.3	642.1	99.2	99.2
Female	651.2	646.3	642.7	639.3	100.0	100.0
White	653.9	653.5	659.2	647.2	99.5	99.5
African American	633.6	630.3	627.2	631.6	99.5	99.5
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	592.3	596.6	590.9	598.2	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	636.8	634.7	632.9	631.7	99.3	99.3
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
<b>English/Language Arts</b>							
<b>2011</b>	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
<b>2012</b>	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	171	100	25.3	37	37.7	74.7
	7	141	99.3	24.8	34.6	40.6	75.2
	8	158	99.4	27.3	46.9	25.9	72.7
<b>Mathematics</b>							
<b>2011</b>	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
<b>2012</b>	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	171	100	22.7	40.9	36.4	77.3
	7	141	99.3	24.1	47.4	28.6	75.9
	8	158	99.4	37.1	48.3	14.7	62.9
<b>Science</b>							
<b>2011</b>	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
<b>2012</b>	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	84	100	31.1	58.1	10.8	68.9
	7	141	99.3	12.8	42.9	44.4	87.2
	8	80	100	23.9	40.8	35.2	76.1

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**PASS Performance By Grade Level**

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
<b>Social Studies</b>							
<b>2011</b>	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
<b>2012</b>	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	87	100	13.8	65	21.3	86.3
	7	141	99.3	24.1	33.8	42.1	75.9
	8	78	98.7	25	36.1	38.9	75
<b>Writing</b>							
<b>2011</b>	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
<b>2012</b>	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	156	99.4	18.9	41.3	39.9	81.1

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