



## Spartanburg Charter School

385 S. Spring St.  
Spartanburg, SC 29306

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|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Grades</b>         | K-7 Middle School    |              |
| <b>Enrollment</b>     | 313 Students         |              |
| <b>Principal</b>      | Dr. John von Rohr    | 864-621-3882 |
| <b>Superintendent</b> | Wayne Brazell, Ph.D. | 803-734-8322 |
| <b>Board Chair</b>    | Don McLaurin         | 803-603-1441 |

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

| YEAR        | ABSOLUTE RATING  | GROWTH RATING    |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>2012</b> | <b>Excellent</b> | <b>Excellent</b> |
| 2011        | N/A              | N/A              |
| 2010        | N/A              | N/A              |
| 2009        | N/A              | N/A              |
| 2008        | N/A              | N/A              |

## 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**

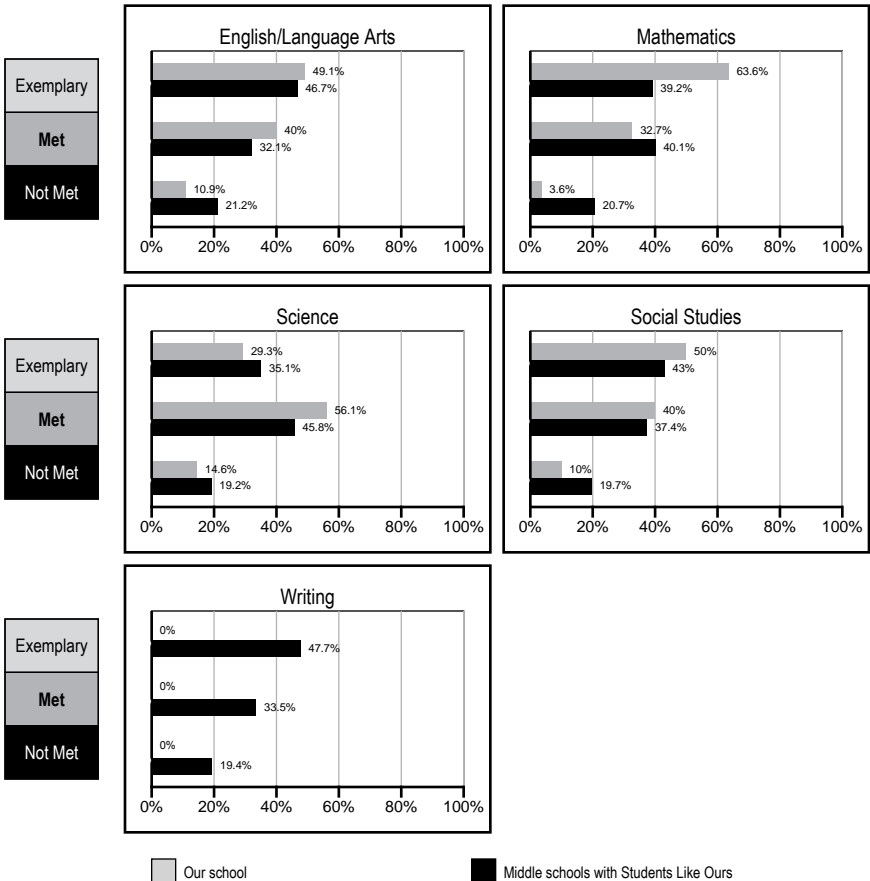
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 98.5%

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

| Excellent | Good | Average | Below Average | At-Risk |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 21        | 9    | 7       | 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               | 97.3%                                  |
| English 1                                       | N/A               | 92.5%                                  |
| Physical Science                                | N/A               | N/A                                    |
| US History and the Constitution                 | N/A               | 9%                                     |
| All Subjects                                    | N/A               | 96.3%                                  |

## School Profile

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| <b>Students (n=313)</b>  |            |                       |  |                      |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)               | 0.0%       | N/R                   | 34.1%                                  | 22.9%                |
| Retention rate   | 2.6%       | N/A                   | 0.7%                                   | 0.8%                 |
| Attendance rate  | 96.5%      | N/A                   | 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 | 0.3%       | N/R                   | 0.3%                                   | 0.5%                 |
| Annual dropout rate  | 0.0%       | N/A                   | 0.0%                                   | 0.0%                 |
| <b>Teachers (n=24)</b>   |            |                       |  |                      |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 62.5%      | N/A                   | 62.5%                                  | 61.3%                |
| Continuing contract teachers   | N/AV       | N/AV                  | N/AV                                   | N/AV                 |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | N/A        | N/A                   | 89.0%                                  | 86.7%                |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 98.2%      | N/R                   | 95.3%                                  | 95.2%                |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$35,657   | I/S                   | \$47,841                               | \$46,422             |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 8.3 days   | N/R                   | 9.7 days                               | 10.0 days            |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                      |
| Principal's years at school  | 2.0        | N/R                   | 5.0                                    | 4.0                  |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 17.8 to 1  | N/R                   | 23.0 to 1                              | 22.0 to 1            |
| Prime instructional time   | 93.7%      | N/R                   | 91.3%                                  | 90.1%                |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Fair       | N/R                   | Excellent                              | Good                 |
| SACS accreditation   | No         | N/R                   | Yes                                    | Yes                  |
| Parents attending conferences  | 100.0%     | N/R                   | 99.5%                                  | 98.8%                |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | N/R                   | Excellent                              | Good                 |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$6,753    | N/A                   | \$6,764                                | \$7,245              |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 55.0%      | N/A                   | 63.5%                                  | 63.1%                |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 49.9%      | N/A                   | 62.2%                                  | 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

Spartanburg Charter School (SCS) continues to identify itself as one of the premier charter schools in the South Carolina Public Charter School District. With the grade of "A" received for PASS testing for 2012-2013 school year as a follow up to the previous year's receipt of two Silver Palmetto awards for achievement, continued academic growth of all students remains our goal. As a result of astute financial management on the part of our Principal and Board of Directors, our school remains very financially sound. Students from SCS continue to be chosen as Charter School District Student of the Year and take home first place honors from district-wide science fairs and state and national level Odyssey of the Mind competitions. With the addition of our honors program last year and a new Gifted and Talented Program this year, the school will continue to provide services for children at every ability level, whether high or otherwise, with the goal that no child's educational needs go unmet. On the athletic front, we fielded our first two teams, boys and girls basketball this past year and are adding boys and girls soccer in the upcoming school year. Our instructional staff is made up almost entirely of teachers who possess Masters Degrees, people who are also great teachers, whom we believe possess those ingredients (intellect and the ability to effectively communicate with students) that will ensure our continued success. Spartanburg Charter School is unique in that it encourages a very high degree of parental involvement in the school, with every parent being looked at as a very important stakeholder. Our overall goal is to continue to earn an "A" from the state for high academic performance and provide a healthy educational environment in which in every student enrolled at Spartanburg Charter School can flourish.

## Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 16       | 37        | 24       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 87.5%    | 89.3%     | 87.5%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 93.8%    | 85.7%     | 91.7%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 100.0%   | 89.3%     | 91.7%    |

\* 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>94.6</b> |
| <b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>      | <b>A</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

Spartanburg Charter 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  | 13.1%        | 2.6%  |
| Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers | 13.6%        | 5.1%  |

|   | Our School | State Objective | Met State Objective |
|---|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 22.6%      | 0.0%            | No                  |
| Student attendance rate                         | 96.5%      | 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                      | 668.9    | 697.8     | 654.2        | 662.4               | 100.0        | 100.0         |
| Male                              | 667.2    | 701.7     | 666.3        | 671.8               | 100.0        | 100.0         |
| Female                            | 670.7    | 693.7     | 638.7        | 651.9               | 100.0        | 100.0         |
| White                             | 675.7    | 703.5     | 665.7        | 672.6               | 100.0        | 100.0         |
| African American                  | 648.3    | 673.0     | 626.5        | 634.4               | 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                          | N/A      | N/A       | N/A          | N/A                 | N/A          | N/A           |
| Limited English Proficient        | N/A      | N/A       | N/A          | N/A                 | N/A          | N/A           |
| Subsidized meals                  | 655.4    | 684.9     | 662.7        | 646.5               | 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 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>English/Language Arts</b> |       |                               |          |           |       |             |                    |
| <b>2011</b>                  | 3     | 42                            | 100      | 24.4      | 17.1  | 58.5        | 75.6               |
|                              | 4     | 37                            | 97.3     | 6.1       | 48.5  | 45.5        | 93.9               |
|                              | 5     | 32                            | 100      | 22.6      | 35.5  | 41.9        | 77.4               |
|                              | 6     | 37                            | 100      | 27.8      | 33.3  | 38.9        | 72.2               |
|                              | 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                |
| <b>2012</b>                  | 3     | 36                            | 100      | 13.9      | 27.8  | 58.3        | 86.1               |
|                              | 4     | 40                            | 100      | 10.5      | 39.5  | 50          | 89.5               |
|                              | 5     | 37                            | 100      | 10.8      | 37.8  | 51.4        | 89.2               |
|                              | 6     | 29                            | 100      | 10.3      | 41.4  | 48.3        | 89.7               |
|                              | 7     | 28                            | 100      | 11.5      | 38.5  | 50          | 88.5               |
|                              | 8     | N/A                           | N/AV     | N/A       | N/A   | N/A         | N/A                |
| <b>Mathematics</b>           |       |                               |          |           |       |             |                    |
| <b>2011</b>                  | 3     | 42                            | 100      | 36.6      | 41.5  | 22          | 63.4               |
|                              | 4     | 37                            | 100      | 8.8       | 50    | 41.2        | 91.2               |
|                              | 5     | 32                            | 100      | 3.2       | 45.2  | 51.6        | 96.8               |
|                              | 6     | 37                            | 100      | 13.9      | 50    | 36.1        | 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                |
| <b>2012</b>                  | 3     | 36                            | 100      | 41.7      | 25    | 33.3        | 58.3               |
|                              | 4     | 40                            | 100      | 21.1      | 31.6  | 47.4        | 78.9               |
|                              | 5     | 37                            | 100      | 10.8      | 35.1  | 54.1        | 89.2               |
|                              | 6     | 29                            | 100      | 3.4       | 31    | 65.5        | 96.6               |
|                              | 7     | 28                            | 100      | 3.8       | 34.6  | 61.5        | 96.2               |
|                              | 8     | N/A                           | N/AV     | N/A       | N/A   | N/A         | N/A                |
| <b>Science</b>               |       |                               |          |           |       |             |                    |
| <b>2011</b>                  | 3     | 21                            | 100      | 28.6      | 38.1  | 33.3        | 71.4               |
|                              | 4     | 37                            | 100      | 20.6      | 70.6  | 8.8         | 79.4               |
|                              | 5     | 16                            | 100      | 31.3      | 43.8  | 25          | 68.8               |
|                              | 6     | 19                            | 100      | 27.8      | 50    | 22.2        | 72.2               |
|                              | 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                |
| <b>2012</b>                  | 3     | 19                            | 100      | 31.6      | 52.6  | 15.8        | 68.4               |
|                              | 4     | 40                            | 100      | 15.8      | 73.7  | 10.5        | 84.2               |
|                              | 5     | 18                            | 100      | 22.2      | 61.1  | 16.7        | 77.8               |
|                              | 6     | 15                            | 100      | 13.3      | 80    | 6.7         | 86.7               |
|                              | 7     | 28                            | 100      | 15.4      | 42.3  | 42.3        | 84.6               |
|                              | 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 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Social Studies</b> |       |                               |          |           |       |             |                    |
| <b>2011</b>           | 3     | 21                            | 100      | 25        | 50    | 25          | 75                 |
|                       | 4     | 37                            | 100      | 17.6      | 61.8  | 20.6        | 82.4               |
|                       | 5     | 16                            | 100      | 40        | 13.3  | 46.7        | 60                 |
|                       | 6     | 18                            | 100      | 22.2      | 33.3  | 44.4        | 77.8               |
|                       | 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                |
| <b>2012</b>           | 3     | 17                            | 100      | 23.5      | 35.3  | 41.2        | 76.5               |
|                       | 4     | 40                            | 100      | 10.5      | 57.9  | 31.6        | 89.5               |
|                       | 5     | 19                            | 100      | 5.3       | 63.2  | 31.6        | 94.7               |
|                       | 6     | 14                            | 100      | 7.1       | 50    | 42.9        | 92.9               |
|                       | 7     | 28                            | 100      | 11.5      | 34.6  | 53.8        | 88.5               |
|                       | 8     | N/A                           | N/AV     | N/A       | N/A   | N/A         | N/A                |
| <b>Writing</b>        |       |                               |          |           |       |             |                    |
| <b>2011</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     | 32                            | 100      | 16.1      | 41.9  | 41.9        | 83.9               |
|                       | 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     | N/A                           | N/AV     | 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     | 37                            | 100      | 18.9      | 40.5  | 40.5        | 81.1               |
|                       | 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     | N/A                           | N/AV     | N/A       | N/A   | N/A         | N/A                |

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