



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Rollings Middle School of the Arts
Dorchester School District Two
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 660**
Principal: Dr. Kathy Sobolewski
Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye
Board Chair: Frances Townsend

PERFORMANCE

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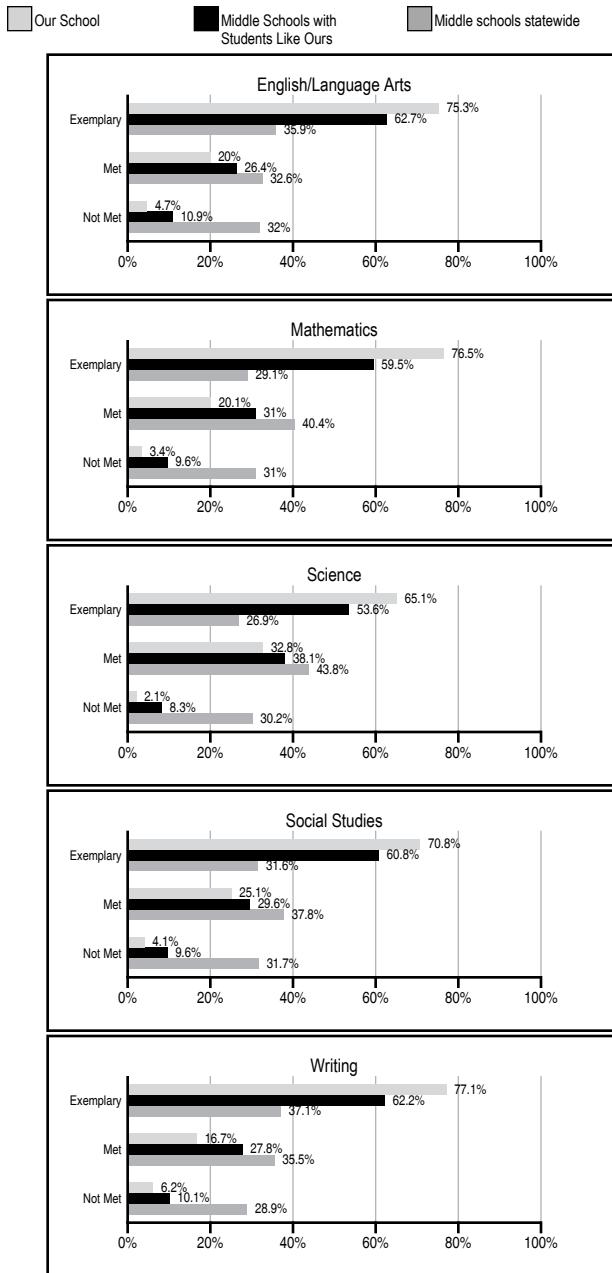
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
9	0	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	28	45	25	2	
Nation	25	43	29	3	
% Below Basic				% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
 Below Basic				 Basic	
 Proficient				 Advanced	

MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7	
Nation	28	39	26	8	
% Below Basic				% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
 Below Basic				 Basic	
 Proficient				 Advanced	

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	45	32	22	1	
Nation	38	33	28	1	
% Below Basic				% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
 Below Basic				 Basic	
 Proficient				 Advanced	

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	99.9
English 1	100.0	99.2
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	99.7

SC 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.

Rollings Middle School of the Arts [Dorchester School District Two]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=660)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	42.4%	Down from 45.8%	31.8%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.1%	0.8%
Attendance rate	97.8%	Up from 97.0%	97.2%	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	0.2%	Down from 0.8%	0.3%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=37)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.6%	Down from 61.5%	65.2%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	89.5%	Down from 93.0%	91.8%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 95.0%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,447	Down 5.1%	\$49,022	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Up from 12.9 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.5 to 1	Up from 27.0 to 1	24.3 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.1%	Up from 91.6%	91.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Up from 96.9%	99.9%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,336	Down 6.5%	\$6,375	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.9%	Down from 64.0%	66.2%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.1%	Up from 63.0%	65.1%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	100.0	N/A	92.2	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	208	158
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.1%	94.7%	96.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.8%	96.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.4%	94.7%	98.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Rollings Middle School of the Arts served 650 artistically gifted students from Dorchester School District Two in sixth through eighth grades during 2011-2012. The staff consists of 45 certified faculty and 18 classified employees. Students spend equal amounts of time each day in four core academic courses and a core art course (band, dance, piano, strings, theatre arts, visual arts, or vocal music). Because a high proportion of students are also academically gifted, all of the teachers at RMSA are GATE-endorsed or in the process of completing GATE courses. Core academic teachers create innovative lessons which infuse the various art disciplines. These practices make learning relevant to our students and allow teachers to meet students' specific needs.

Our students continue to excel with the help of faculty members who focus on rigor, relevance, and relationships. RMSA received the Palmetto Gold Award because of overall student performance based upon the state report card's absolute and improvement ratings of "Excellent." Additionally, receiving the "Closing the Achievement Gap" award recognizes our commitment to teaching each child to their fullest ability. Our students excelled in many academic competitions including QUEST, Math is Cool, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Reflections, and Math Counts. The RoboKnights robotics team competed at the "Robots in Paradise" world event in Florida. Our sports teams also were highly competitive with volleyball, softball, and baseball teams winning district championships.

We are proud of our school's intense focus on data-driven decision-making. Teachers utilize data from benchmark tests to track student's progress. These tests allow teachers to identify strengths and weaknesses of students based on the state curriculum standards. Administrators use the data to spark discussions with teachers about instructional decisions within their classrooms.

RMSA will implement a student leadership program based upon "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" beginning the fall of 2012. The RMSA faculty is actively participating in the training and will enthusiastically teach the skills to our students. The acquisition of these skills will serve our students in high school, college, the workplace, and beyond.

Rollings PTSA reached 100% membership again this school year and recorded an excess of 2100 volunteer hours. Parents, teachers, and students combine to make RMSA an excellent, family-friendly school with high expectations and quality results.

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Joyce Becwar, SIC Chairman

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Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status