

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**River Oaks Middle School**  
**Dorchester School District Two**  
**Grades: 6-8** **Enrollment: 971**  
**Principal: Scott Matthews**  
**Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye**  
**Board Chair: Frances Townsend**

## PERFORMANCE

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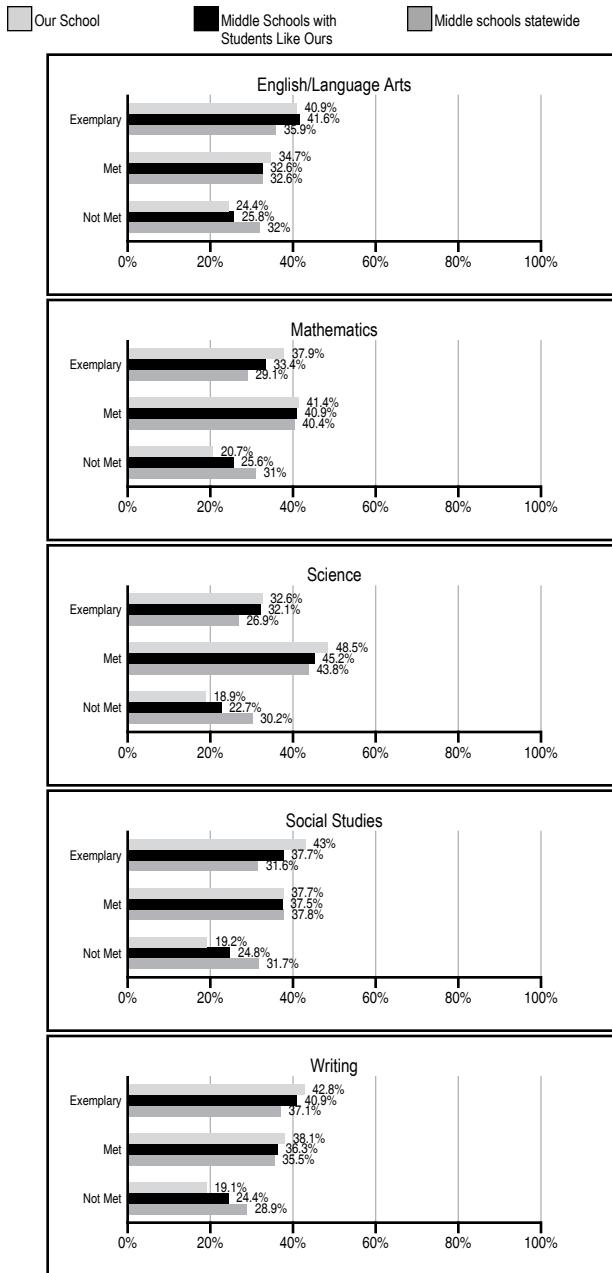
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	19	15	0	1

\* 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	
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### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7	
Nation	28	39	26	8	
% Below Basic				% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
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### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	45	32	22	1	
Nation	38	33	28	1	
% Below Basic				% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
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## 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	97.7
English 1	94.6	87.7
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.8	95.2

## 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.*

# River Oaks Middle School [Dorchester School District]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=971)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	46.8%	Down from 48.2%	34.2%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.7%	Up from 0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
Attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 95.8%	96.3%	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	2.5%	Down from 3.2%	0.8%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=52)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.1%	Up from 44.0%	60.8%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	80.5%	Down from 82.3%	88.2%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 93.5%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$40,408	Up 1.2%	\$46,832	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	Up from 0.0%	1.1%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.4 days	Up from 9.0 days	11.4 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.8 to 1	Up from 25.6 to 1	24.1 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.6%	Up from 88.9%	90.2%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.6%	98.2%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,450	Down 18.2%	\$7,085	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.1%	Up from 58.5%	63.1%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Up from 57.2%	61.5%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	94.3	N/A	89.3	88.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	55	269	154
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.6%	71.0%	76.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	75.0%	76.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.9%	86.6%	71.7%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

River Oaks Middle School is located off of Dorchester Road on the border of Dorchester and Charleston counties. We are dedicated to providing a safe environment in order to maximize the academic, creative, athletic, and emotional potential of each student. Our staff of administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, teaching assistants, business partners, and community volunteers provides services that allow each of our students the opportunity to reach their full potential. River Oaks Middle School offers a rigorous, relevant, and challenging curriculum that advances the learning of all of our students. River Oaks Middle School is a proud recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award for student achievement for the 2010-2011 school year. Our students continue to progress in all academic areas as evidenced by analyzing our PASS data and our Benchmark data. We have 10 Junior Scholar recipients and several students who have earned state level recognition through the Duke TIP program. River Oaks Middle School students enjoy many opportunities to enhance their educational experience through the arts and electives. We offer classes in piano, guitar, dance, physical education, band, strings, chorus, visual arts, and Spanish. Also, students have the opportunity to participate on QUEST academic teams, NJHS, Robotics, Geography Bee and many other programs. The Bobcat Band had the only Pep Band in the district and played at all home football and basketball games. The Bobcat Jazz Band was started this year and entertained at the District PTSA Awards program. One student qualified for the state competition in the Geography Bee and one of our 6th graders was the Dorchester District Two Spelling Bee Champion. Our Robotics team had a very successful year placing 2nd in our district competition, hosted right here at River Oaks. This qualified the team for the state competition for the 2nd consecutive year. River Oaks Middle School also offers our students a chance to participate in football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, baseball, and softball. Our seven teams were very successful this year. Volleyball won their 2nd consecutive district championship, winning their final 11 matches. Boys basketball completed a perfect 12-0 season, earning the team the district championship. River Oaks Middle School will continue to meet the challenges of forging a strong relationship with our school community and will strive to provide all students opportunities to maximize their potential as we do things The Bobcat Way.

Rob Goodenough, Principal  
Terrance McLeod, SIC Chairperson

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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