

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Newberry Middle School
School District of Newberry County
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 690**
Principal: Kelli P. Farmer
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Jody Hamm

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	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

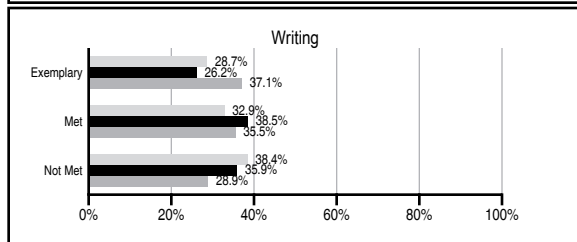
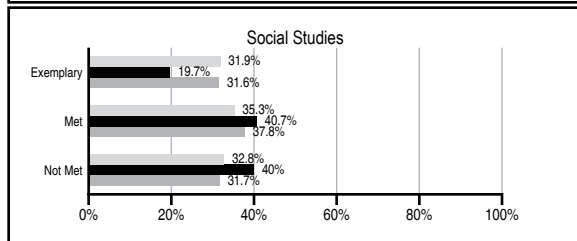
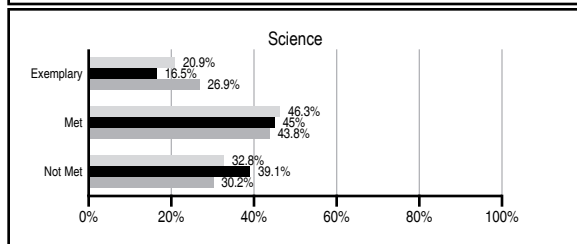
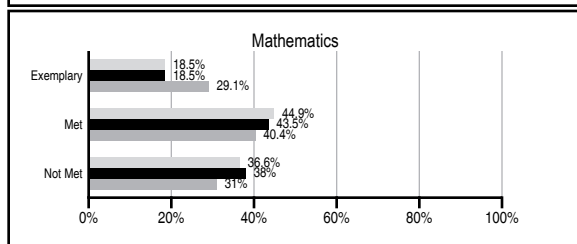
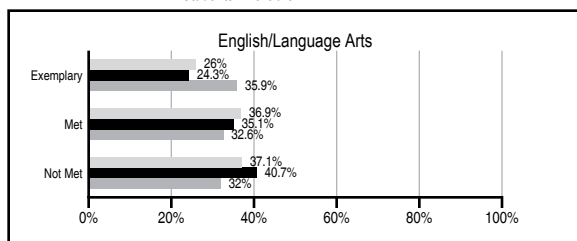
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	40	10	7

* 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.

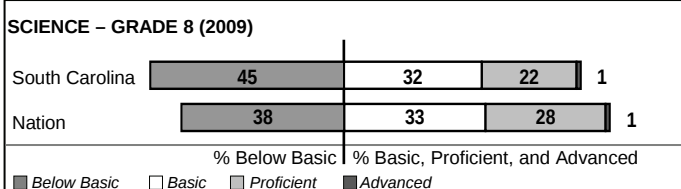
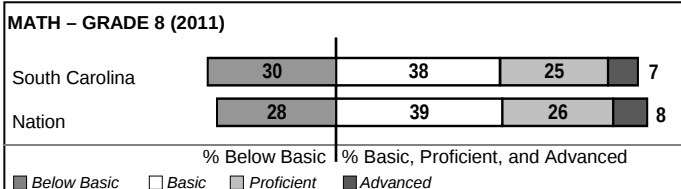
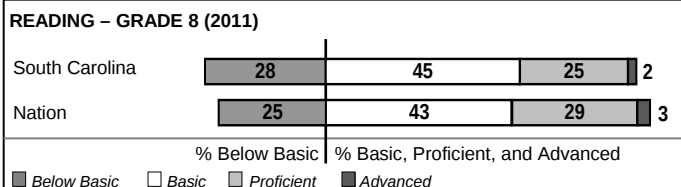
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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



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	95.7	94.3
English 1	96.3	83.6
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	96.0	92.4

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.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=690)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	19.5%	Up from 16.6%	17.4%	22.9%
Retention rate	1.0%	Up from 0.6%	1.1%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.3%	95.9%	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	1.0%	Down from 1.9%	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.7%	Up from 66.7%	60.4%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	88.1%	Up from 83.1%	81.9%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.2%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,165	Down 0.2%	\$45,132	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	2.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.3 days	Up from 10.8 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.7 to 1	Up from 18.0 to 1	21.1 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Down from 90.6%	89.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	98.7%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,037	Down 3.6%	\$8,137	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.4%	Up from 64.6%	61.6%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.9%	Up from 63.6%	57.1%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	92.2	N/A	82.9	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	194	120
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.7%	76.0%	81.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.6%	75.6%	82.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.6%	78.2%	79.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Newberry Middle School, in 2011-12, continued its efforts to uphold our motto, "Whatever it takes, our kids are worth it"! Despite some socio-economic challenges, our school experienced great success in academics, the arts, and athletics. Our goal of improving our school/home relationships became a top priority.

We had much to celebrate academically. With smartboards in every classroom, technology professional development, and a partnership with Newberry College, we worked to create 21st century students that were ready for college and careers. We integrated a "Dress for Success Day" monthly so that our students could learn about careers and societal expectations after college. Our teachers collaborated weekly to create engaging lessons and to focus on higher-level questioning strategies. Our Beta Club earned the right to compete nationally by earning 9 top-3 state awards, including 3 first place awards. Our Science Olympiad Team finished sixth in the state, and 7 students earned 1st or 2nd place individual awards. We participated in field studies to the Citadel STEM program, Clemson University's DNA Learning Center, University of South Carolina and the Township Auditorium, Charleston, and Washington, D.C. We had much to celebrate with our arts programs. Our band students earned superior and excellent ratings at solo and ensemble competitions as well as the Band Concert Festival. Our chorus received an excellent rating at the SC Middle School Choral Festival, and we had 3 students win the Region 5 Picasso Project. Our community enjoyed two concerts and a musical that involved students from across the arts.

We had much to celebrate athletically. We had two wrestlers, one male and one female, earn 2nd place in their divisions in the state wrestling competition. Our football and basketball teams both had winning seasons. We integrated health and wellness into our academics by hosting our first-ever community health fair for our 7th graders.

Our relationships with our families/community grew through our Veteran's Day program, work with our Hispanic Family Facilitator, nursing home pen pals, Club Day activities, Career Day, job shadowing, bullying initiative, and PASS Preparation Rally.

In order for our students to give back to their community, NMS participated in a food drive for Manna House, as well as fund-raisers for Hoops for Heart, Relay for Life, United Way, Charity Water International, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

At NMS, we firmly believe "whatever it takes, our kids ARE worth it"!

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Jerry Young, SIC Chairperson

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