



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Black Water Middle School
Horry
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 746**
Principal: Cynthia V. Thibodeau, PhD
Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry
Board Chair: Joe DeFeo

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
2013	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2012	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

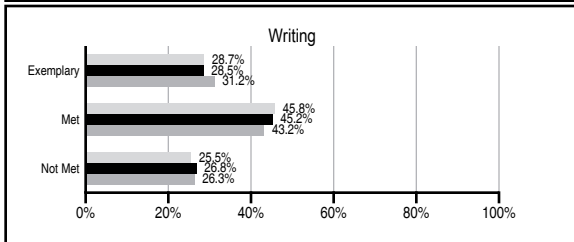
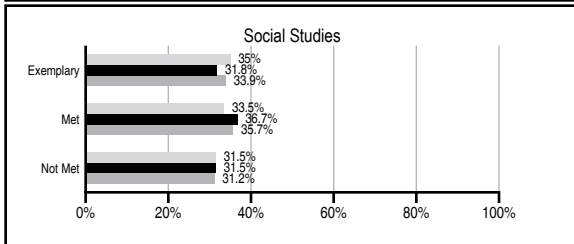
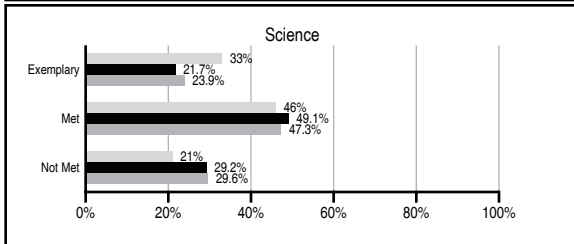
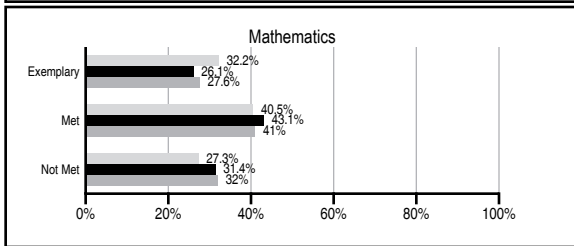
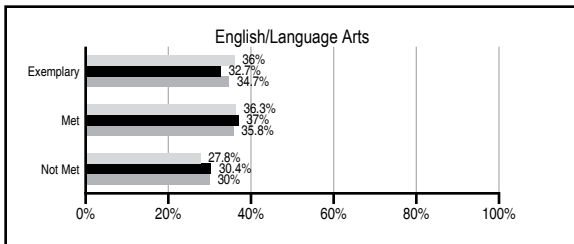
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	10	47	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/15/2014. 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 - 2013

% 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	98.1
English 1	100.0	97.5
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	97.8

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.

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Black Water Middle School [Horry]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=746)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	35.9%	Down from 51.0%	22.7%	24.6%
Retention rate	0.1%	No Change	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.7%	95.6%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	24.1%	N/A	19.0%	18.5%
With disabilities	19.1%	N/A	13.9%	13.0%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	N/A	6.0%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.6%	Down from 9.5%	0.7%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.0%	Down from 52.1%	58.9%	61.5%
Continuing contract teachers	73.5%	Down from 81.3%	76.5%	77.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.2%	Down from 93.6%	85.6%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	92.1%	Down from 94.5%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,854	Up 1.4%	\$46,816	\$47,313
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.3%	Down from 8.2%	1.5%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.5 days	Down from 22.1 days	10.6 days	10.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.3 to 1	Down from 24.9 to 1	21.9 to 1	22.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.5%	Down from 87.4%	89.2%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.3%	Down from 97.7%	98.2%	99.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,114	Down 3.1%	\$7,083	\$7,239
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0%	Up from 62.5%	63.0%	63.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	No Change	61.0%	61.0%
ESEA composite index score	91.3	Down from 97.0	83.1	83.5

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2012-2013 school year, Black Water Middle School staff identified students who were not being successful in school, according to PASS and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests, and Science and Social Studies benchmark tests. Individual teachers analyzed the progress of their students on PASS, MAP, and benchmark tests and devised plans to improve classroom instruction based on those test results. By utilizing the Horry County Schools' Response to Intervention (RtI) Model all students received instruction based on their needs whether that meant they needed to be in an accelerated math class or a strategic intervention class such as READ 180---or an intensive intervention class such as LANGUAGE!. MAP tests on English language arts, reading, and math were given three times during the year to provide teachers data on student progress, enabling teachers to make adjustments in classroom instruction to better meet each student's needs. Students received additional support through an after-school tutoring program---called PAWS (Personalized Assistance With Standards). Student achievement results and Classroom Walkthroughs data were used to determine the content of teachers' professional development throughout the school year.

The challenges we face as we continuously strive to see that all of our children meet and exceed state standards include: adjusting classroom instruction to meet the needs of a very diverse population; increasing the involvement of parents in the education of their children; motivating our middle-school-aged children to strive to do well academically when their interests often drift away from academics at this age level; continuing professional development of best practices with all teachers; and continuous assessment of student progress with mastery of standards as an end result. Through the work of teachers, students, and parents, we will continue to strengthen our instructional program to ensure the success of all of our students.

We would like to thank all of the parents, faculty and staff, community, and businesses for their support as we progress toward our goals. Without your assistance, our continued progress would not be possible

Cynthia V. Thibodeau PhD, 2012-2013 Principal
Ms Jen Looney, School Improvement Council Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	211	125
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96%	86.8%	90.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98%	86.5%	84%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90%	91.3%	86.4%

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

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