



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**MB Kennedy Middle School**  
**AIKEN COUNTY**  
**Grades: 6-8** Enrollment: 954  
**Principal: Teresa B. Mitchem**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**  
**Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English**

## 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
2014	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Good	Good	SILVER	GOLD	A	N/A

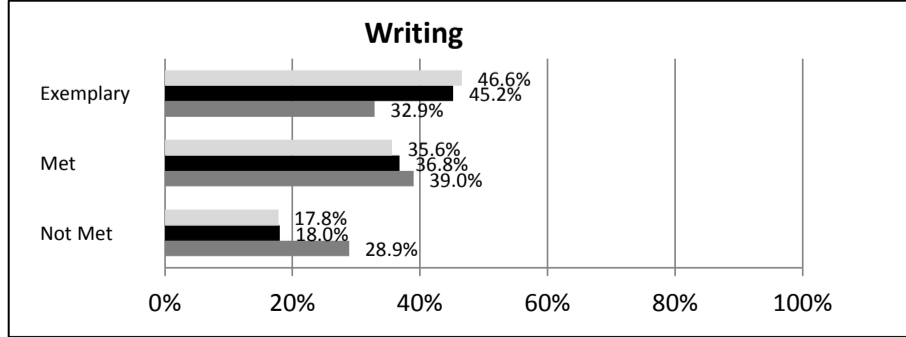
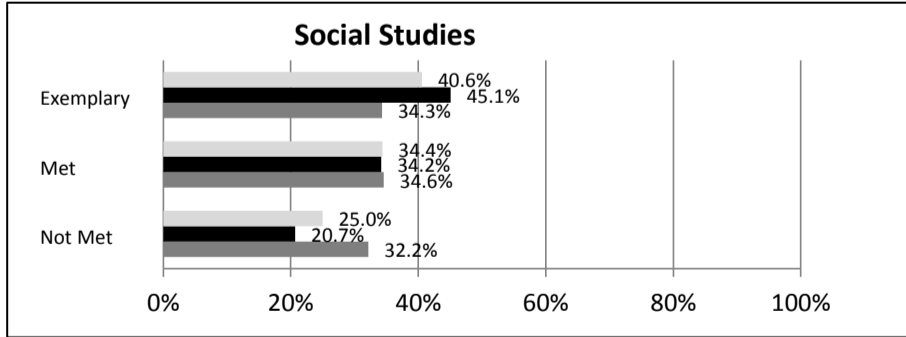
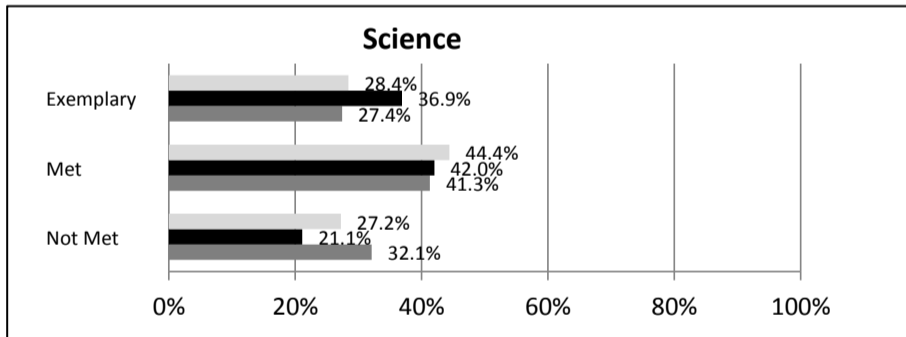
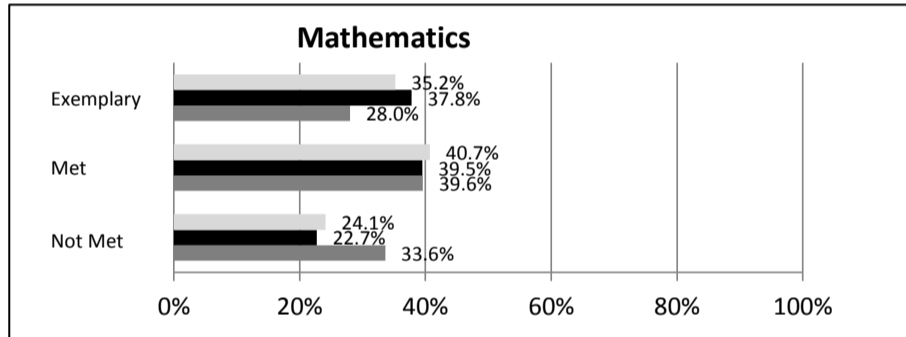
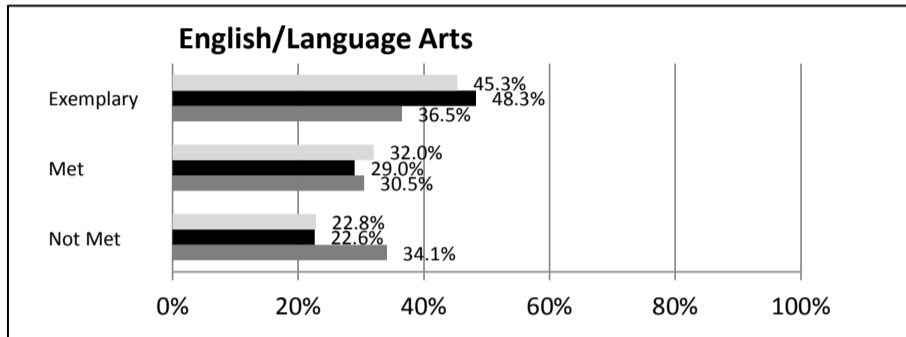
### ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
21	6	4	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

### SC PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle Schools Statewide



### NAEP\*

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



### END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% 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	99.3%	94.1%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100.0%
All Subjects	99.6%	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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**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
<b>Students (n = 954)</b>				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	46.6%	Down from 46.7%	46.6%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.1%	No change	0.3%	0.6%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.5%	96.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	28.6%	Up from 28.0%	28.7%	19.4%
With disabilities	10.0%	Down from 11.3%	10.6%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.4%	Down from 4.1%	2.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.2%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 51)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.9%	Down from 58.0%	67.2%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	86.3%	Down from 88.0%	82.4%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.6%	Down from 93.7%	87.4%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.3%	Up from 92.0%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,019	Down 0.2%	\$48,454	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.1%	Up from 0.7%	3.8%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	8.2 days	Up from 5.9 days	8.7 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	4.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.9 to 1	Down from 28.2 to 1	23.8 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Up from 87.6%	90.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 77.3%	99.3%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,194	Down 13.0%	\$6,919	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.4%	Down from 70.0%	63.1%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.8%	Up from 66.0%	62.5%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	81.3	Down from 88.4	85.4	77.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	284	71
Percent satisfied with learning environment	46.2%	65.9%	70.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	61.5%	69.2%	62.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	76.9%	85.5%	60.8%

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

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**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

M.B. Kennedy Middle School is a middle school with approximately 960 students in grades 6-8 in Aiken, SC. Our current purpose statement, "M.B. Kennedy Middle School educates all students to achieve at their highest levels," describes our school's culture of academic achievement. Again this year, our students performed at high levels in multiple academic areas. M.B. Kennedy Middle School students scored above-average gains in MAP and PASS testing. We had thirty-four eighth grade students qualify to be South Carolina Junior Scholars based on PSAT scores. Sixty-three seventh grade students were invited to take the SAT or ACT. Of those students, one was recognized at the Grand Level and twelve qualified at the State Level for Duke TIP. Approximately twenty-five percent of our eighth grade students received the Presidential Academic Award. In addition, M.B. Kennedy Middle School continues our reputation as a school that stresses reading and literacy. Students accumulated 59,298 AR points which only accounts for a percentage of the number of books our students have read. Many classroom teachers have extensive classroom libraries, and our school media center, with over 12,000 holdings, circulated 29,000 books this year. One hundred percent of our students passed the Algebra 1 exam. Math Counts team scored first place at the district level and eleventh at the state level. We also offered after-school tutoring for approximately 150 students in math and language arts during a six-week course. During the school day, students who did not meet the PASS standard in math or language arts were enrolled in semester-long remediation classes. Our teachers actively search and receive grants including Donors Choose, SRS, and PEP. In addition to our strong academic program, we provide numerous enrichment activities such as band, art, chorus, Kennedy on Stage, Science Club, Beta Club, Student Council, Gardening, and athletic teams. Annually in February, we offered thirty-eight mini courses taught by professionals and community volunteers that expose students to a wide range of career and leisure activities. Our football team won the Aiken County championship. Our girls' volleyball team placed second in Aiken County. One of our students placed third in the district-wide Spelling Bee. We fielded three teams in the Future City competition. M.B. Kennedy Middle School Beta Club has 339 members and was chosen as a National Beta School of Distinction. Members of our band have won superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble as well as earned chairs in All State, Region, and All-County bands. To socially enrich our students, we are developing a new positive behavior incentive program as well as a mentoring program to help our students become mature individuals. Our school's student council, which consists of a president for each grade level, was responsible for delivering both morning and afternoon announcements to the student body each day. M.B. Kennedy Middle School is a Project Unify school, a division of Special Olympics. The M.B. Kennedy Middle School Buddy Club was established with a grant from Project Unify. It is an organization that was developed and designed to promote inclusion by uniting students in the general education setting with disabled students to engage, support and interact in school and community events. M.B. Kennedy Middle School is fortunate to have significant parental involvement and a productive PTO. As we conclude another year, our new vision statement, "Students will apply the acquired knowledge and skills to become lifelong learners and productive citizens," will guide us to continued excellence.☐

☐ Teresa B. Mitchem, Principal☐

☐ David Revelle, School Improvement Council Chair

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