



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Beck Academy
GREENVILLE COUNTY
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 1,122
Principal: Jason S. Warren
Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster
Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

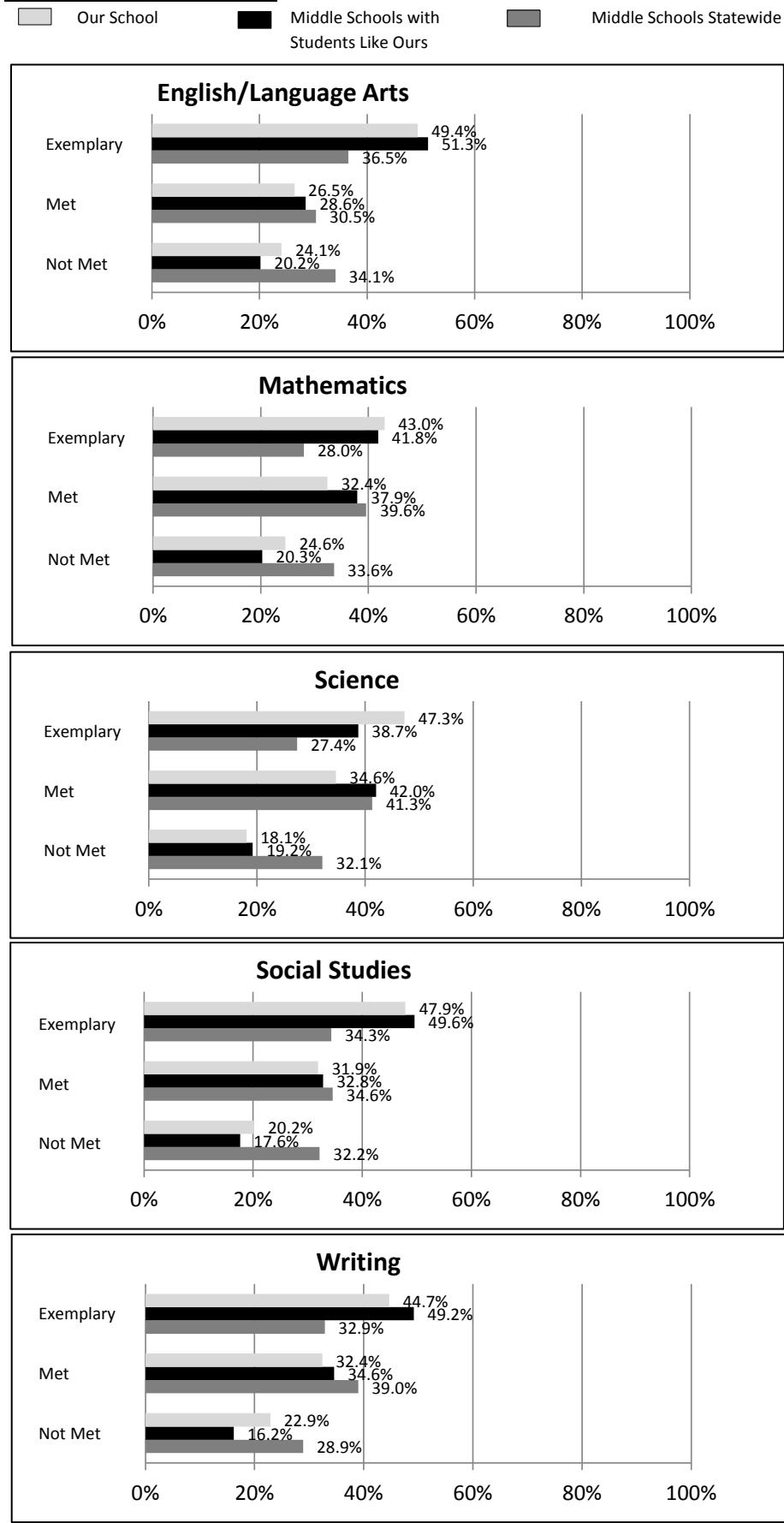
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.				
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	GOLD	A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
13	4	1	0	0

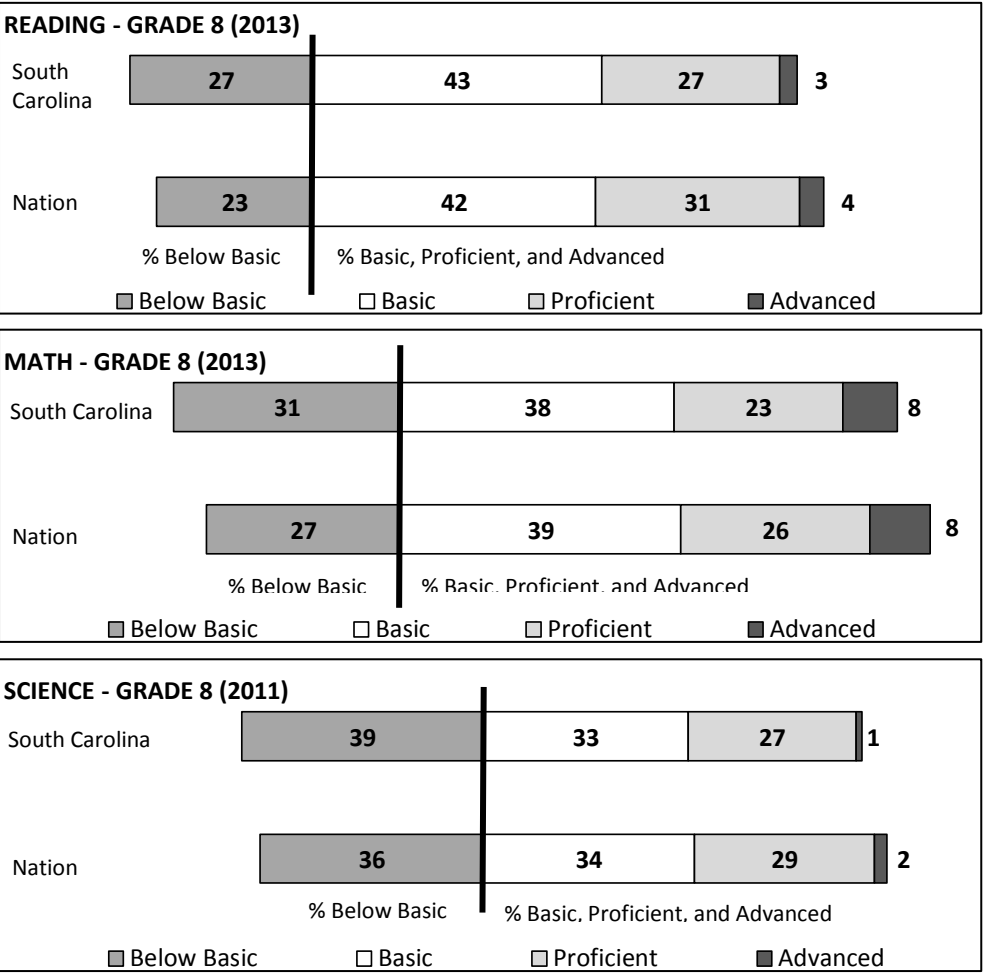
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



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	98.8%	98.6%
English 1	100.0%	99.2%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100.0%
All Subjects	99.3%	98.7%

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.

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

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
Students (n = 1,122)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	53.4%	Down from 57.4%	43.9%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	0.3%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.2%	96.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	32.8%	Up from 32.1%	31.6%	19.4%
With disabilities	11.3%	Up from 10.7%	10.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 3.4%	2.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 0.7%	0.3%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 71)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	80.3%	Up from 79.4%	67.9%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	83.1%	Down from 86.8%	83.8%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.3%	Down from 87.9%	90.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	No change	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,202	Down 1.2%	\$48,149	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.7%	Down from 4.6%	3.4%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	7.8 days	Up from 7.7 days	8.5 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.0 to 1	No change	24.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 89.3%	91.0%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	99.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Average	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,573	Up 6.5%	\$6,785	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.7%	Down from 66.0%	63.0%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.8%	Down from 65.0%	62.4%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	83.1	Up from 81.7	86.5	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	68	364	142
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	75.8%	91.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.1%	78.2%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.6%	88.1%	78.7%

*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

Beck Academy continues to focus on a shared vision: to have a focused faculty, teaching an aligned International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) curriculum to a motivated student body to prepare them to be productive citizens of the global community. As a magnet school for international studies, we continue to focus on the whole child and pursue excellence in every facet of our school. The 2013-2014 year was a great one for Beck. We received an Excellent/Excellent rating on our School Report Card and won a Palmetto Gold Awards for General Performance for the 3rd year in a row. With numerous students qualifying as Duke TIP scholars, 100% passing English I End of Course , 98% passing Algebra I End of Course and many qualifying as Junior Scholars, the academic achievement of our students continues as an example of the quality instruction they are provided and the excellent support provided at home. We continue to provide opportunities for our students with disabilities and serve as the Satellite middle school for students with Hearing and Orthopedic Disabilities.

As we provide leadership opportunities for our students in Student Council, Beta Club, Green Team, athletics and fine arts, we continually emphasize the need to give back to the community. We were named a School of Distinction by the National Beta Club for the 1st time. Our community and service program continues to grow and we have record numbers of students eligible for our community - service incentive program. We model this behavior school-wide by raising money for many local charities at various times throughout the year. This year some of the charities we supported as a school were: United Way, Make a Wish, Special Olympics, and Goodwill.

Our PTSA has won numerous awards over the years and we were pleased to continue great results in the PTSA Reflections Contest and with several membership awards. Mae Crooks won Volunteer of the Year at the state level and Amy Downey won PTSA teacher of the year for Southwest PTA. Our SIC continues to be invaluable as an advisory group and participates in developing our strategies to achieve our academic goals. Our business partners have grown in number and support and we continue to work with General Electric to premier a national math tutoring program, Igniting Minds, designed to take math students to the next level of achievement.

Our Athletics program continued to achieve honors. Volleyball made it to the District Championship for the 3rd year in a row. Our boys’ soccer had its 2nd undefeated regular season and won the District Title. The girls continued their stretch without a loss to 6 years with their 6th championship in a row and 95 games without a loss. Our Strings received a Superior Rating along with the band at Concert Festival. The performing groups also had students in All-State, Region and County Honor ensembles. Band and Chorus won 1st place at a Six Flags Music Festival. We had several students participate at the District’s Juried Art Show. The Robotics and Forensics teams placed in competitions with very successful season.

In the upcoming 2014-2015 school year, Beck Academy will continue to lead our students with a program of quality instruction that promotes rigor in the classroom, but with a new principal. Mr. Warren will be leaving for Greenville High School and won Administrator of the Year for Greenville County Schools and Mrs. Jennifer Meisten will replace him coming to us from Sterling School. We are excited about the new opportunities and vision Mrs. Meisten will bring to Beck Academy for 2014-2015.