



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Cowpens Middle School
SPARTANBURG 3
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 459
Principal: Cynthia D. James
Superintendent: James O. Ray
Board Chair: Eddie Dearybury

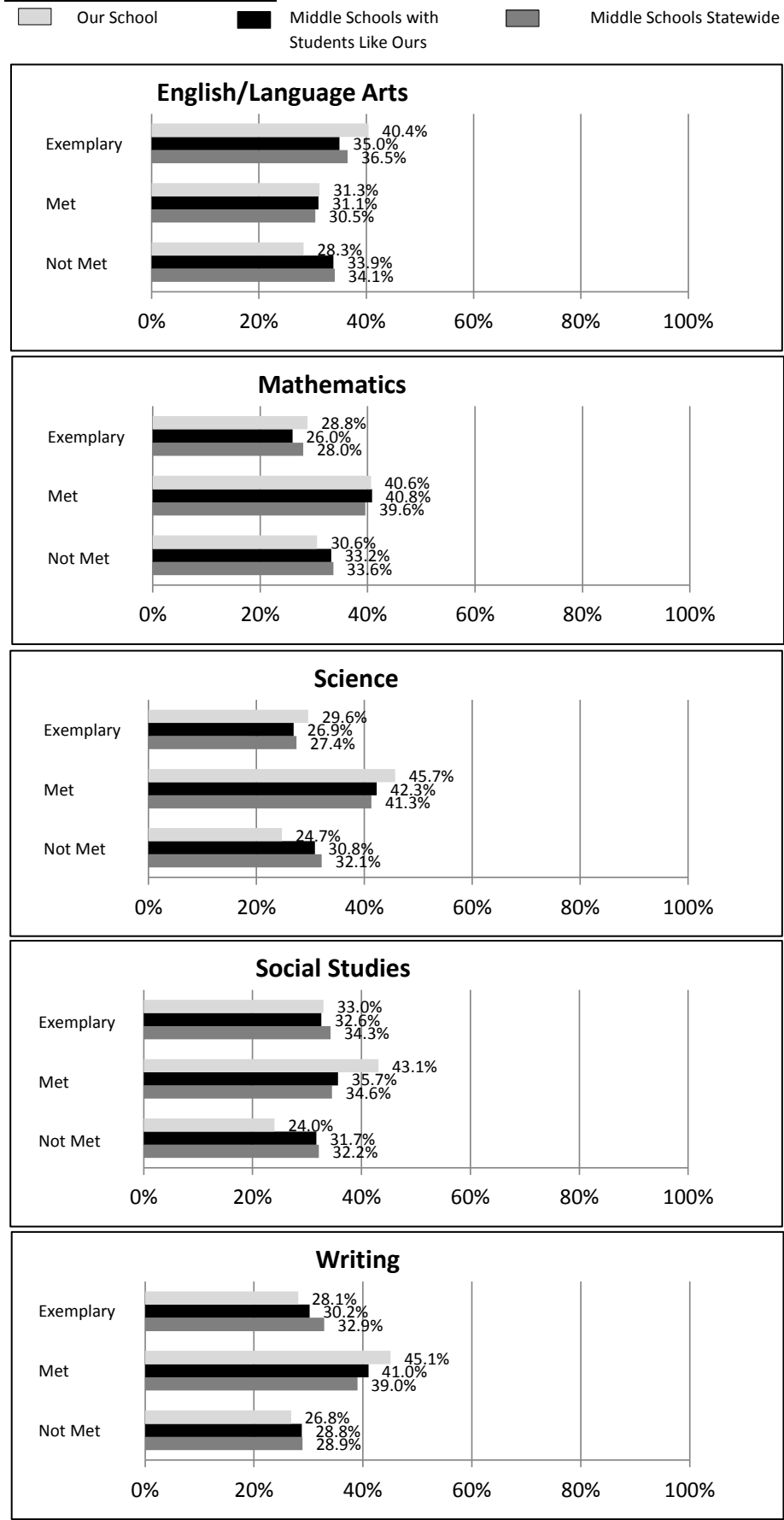
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.				
YEAR	ABSOLUTE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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	12	43	5	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.

READING - GRADE 8 (2013)

	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	27	43	27	3
Nation	23	42	31	4

MATH - GRADE 8 (2013)

	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	31	38	23	8
Nation	27	39	26	8

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011)

	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	39	33	27	1
Nation	36	34	29	2

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	95.6%	98.1%
English 1	100.0%	96.0%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.8%	97.6%

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
Students (n = 459)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	14.9%	Up from 13.4%	25.5%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.2%	Down from 1.0%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.7%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	29.1%	Down from 29.4%	20.2%	19.4%
With disabilities	20.9%	Up from 18.8%	13.4%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 4.3%	6.0%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 1.0%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.3%	Down from 65.6%	60.9%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	67.7%	Down from 68.8%	77.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.9%	Down from 84.9%	85.3%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 94.4%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,867	Down 4.9%	\$46,883	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7%	Up from 0.7%	6.8%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	12.0 days	Down from 13.1 days	12.0 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Down from 21.0 to 1	22.1 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Up from 88.5%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.1%	Down from 99.7%	98.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,337	Up 14.0%	\$7,442	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.8%	Down from 56.0%	61.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.4%	Up from 54.0%	60.5%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	85.0	Down from 87.9	76.0	77.9

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	143	72
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.4%	80.4%	90.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.3%	86.1%	83.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.2%	90.9%	79.2%

*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

With our motto, "Expect Greatness," student success continued to be in the forefront of every decision, as faculty, staff, and administration worked to provide each student with the assistance needed to move one year closer to college or a career.

Cowpens Middle continued with successful programs, such as Red Raider Reading, Enrichment, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, and Eighth Grade English 1 Honors and Algebra 1 for high school credit. We also implemented a 1:1 mobile learning initiative. Math and English/language arts teachers continued learning about the new SC state standards, and the science department began implementation of Problem Based Learning (PBL) at all grade levels to enhance the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum.

Our major accomplishments reflect efforts to support students' academic performance, as well help them to become good citizens. Fourteen eighth grade students were honored as Junior Scholars. Our drama/music atlas students presented “Annie, Jr.” in the District Three Community Auditorium. The Red Raider football team went undefeated, winning both the division and conference championships.

The school web page and registration PowerPoint received awards from the S.C. National School Public Relations Association. CMS was recognized as one of five schools in the State as a recipient of the “Whole Child Award” in the tenet of Safety from ASCD. Two teachers were selected to attend Roper Mountain Science Institute, and one teacher was the recipient of a Lowe’s grant. Students continued to raise money for Relay for Life, provide care packages and financial assistance for local students, and visit residents of a local nursing home. Our school was recognized as a Silver Award recipient by the USDA Healthier US School program.

We are grateful to volunteers and School Improvement Council members for their continued support of our school and community events. The middle school years are full of excitement and change. As we ‘Expect Greatness,’ from our students, Cowpens Middle School heralds “A Revolutionary Past” and looks forward to “An Extraordinary Future.”

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Ami Odom, School Improvement Chairperson

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