



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Youth Leadership Academy

Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 94
Principal: Patsy Wood Smith
Superintendent: Wayne Brazell, Ph. D.
Board Chair: Don McLaurin

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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2013	Excellent	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

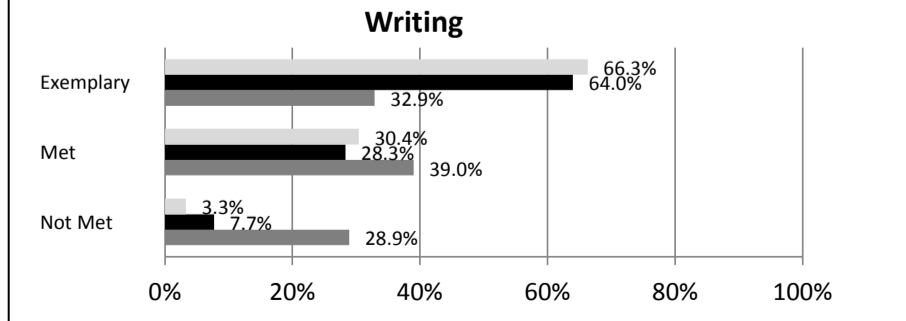
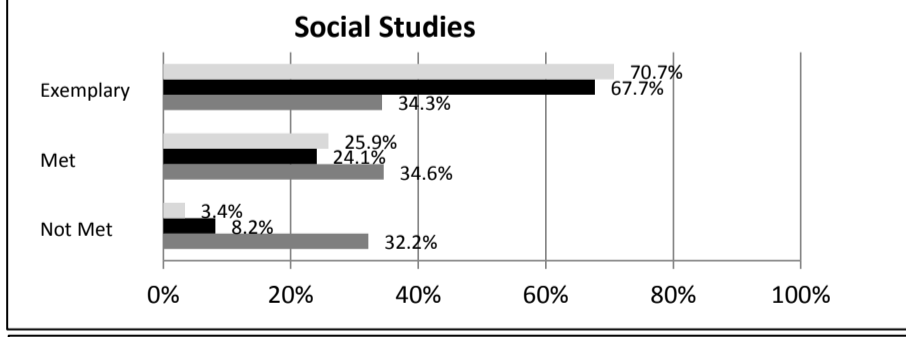
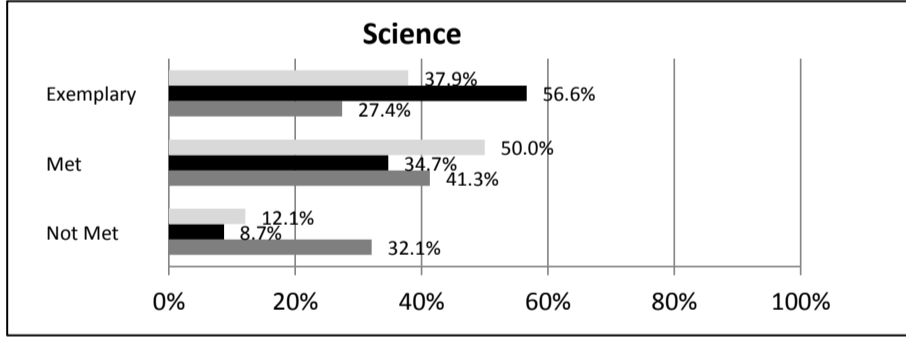
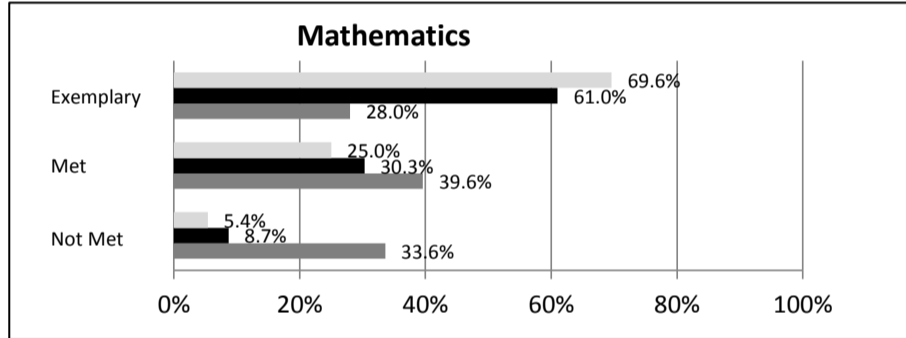
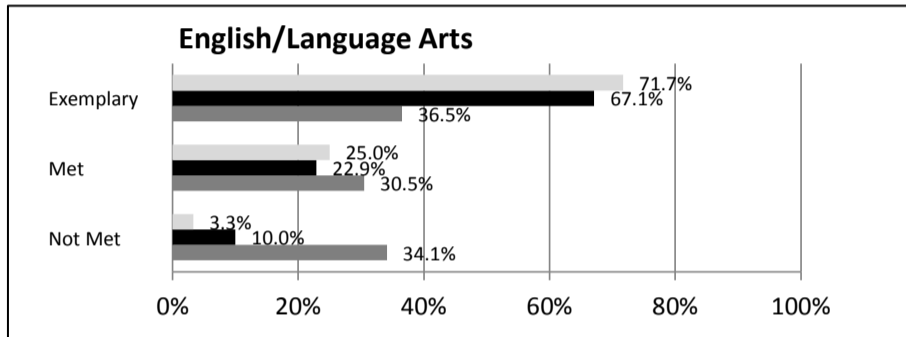
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
8	0	0	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.

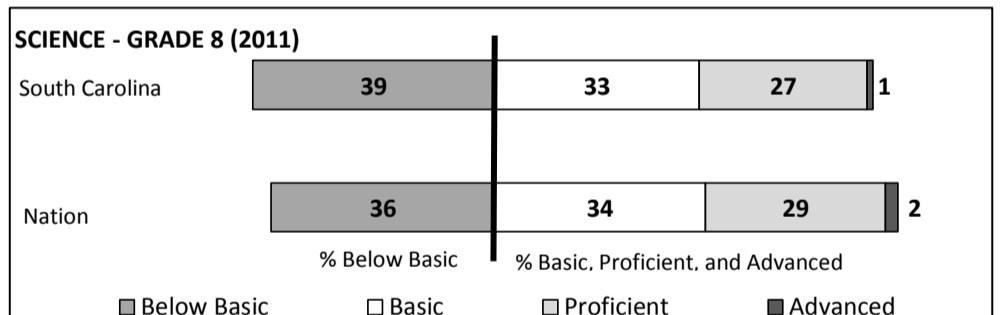
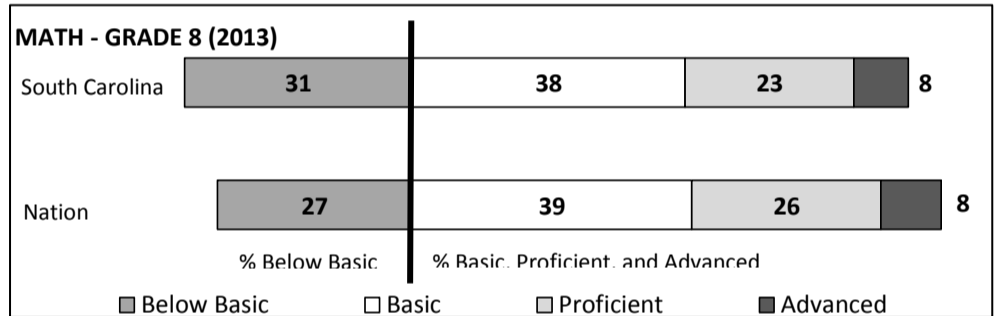
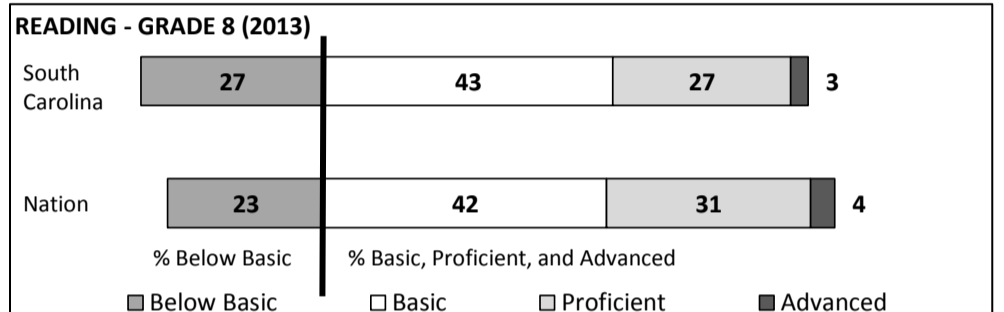
SC PASS PERFORMANCE

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%	99.8%
English 1	100.0%	99.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	99.8%

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.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
Students (n = 94)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	47.8%	Up from 0.0%	47.0%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No change	0.1%	0.6%
Attendance rate	99.9%	Up from 97.3%	97.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	52.1%	Down from 56.3%	47.0%	19.4%
With disabilities	0.0%	Down from 8.3%	6.7%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No change	0.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.1%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 7)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 40.0%	62.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	50.0%	Up from 20.0%	80.8%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	90.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	99.3%	Down from 99.6%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$39,575	N/A	\$50,852	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	28.6%	Down from 46.2%	4.4%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	11.1 days	Up from 10.0 days	11.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.5 to 1	Down from 24.0 to 1	23.1 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	99.2%	Up from 96.9%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Fair	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$19,175	N/A	\$7,363	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	32.9%	N/A	62.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	13.7%	N/A	62.2%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	100.0	No change	94.4	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	6	21	17
Percent satisfied with learning environment	-4.0%	76.2%	94.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	-4.0%	81.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	-4.0%	80.9%	100.0%

*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

Youth Leadership Academy's second year of operation proved to be a successful one. Students showed improvements academically, physically and socially.☒

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Academically, improvements were measured with both MAP and PASS scores and showed our students making above-average gains, particularly in Math. During the year, students and staff participated in Math Blitz sessions on Friday afternoons for 12 weeks, and the results show that all the hard work was worth it!☒

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For the first time, YLA offered high school credits to our first eighth grade class, and all eighth graders left YLA with one or more Carnegie units. Algebra I and Honors Algebra I were offered to 17 of our 22 eighth graders, and all students passed the End of Course Algebra test. Honors English I was also offered to qualifying students, all of whom passed the EOC.☒

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Fifty-six charter members were inducted into the YLA Junior Beta Club, and we look forward to an active club membership in the coming year.☒

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Students made gains physically through daily opportunities for physical activity and the addition of a Running Club. Many students and their family members participated in 5K events throughout the school year.☒

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Once again, our students showed concern for those less fortunate in the community by raising an astonishing annual total of \$6,000+ to give to worthy charitable organizations. Our eighth graders participated in the Can Do Good project and won third place in the Southeast with their replica of Clemson's Death Valley, created entirely of canned goods and non-perishable food items, all of which were donated to United Christian Ministries to help feed the hungry in our community. In lieu of a formal field day, students hosted a Run-a-Thon on the last day of school to raise money to help the family of a 4-year old child stricken with cancer, and raised over \$4,000.☒

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Our PTO was very active during the school year, and the vast majority of money raised was given back to the students to help with field trip expenses. The Leopards on the Links Golf Tournament was a huge success, and everyone is already looking forward to next year's event.

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Students ended the year with Celebration Field Trips to Charleston (6th grade), Atlanta (7th grade) and DisneyWorld (8th grade). We again experienced delays in our building program, but staff and students worked through the situation with patience and determination. We look forward to entering our newly approved classrooms in the 2014-15 school year!☒

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Patsy Wood Smith, Med, NBCT, Principal☒

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Lori Durham, Med, Governing Board Chair

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