

Granard Middle School

815 W. Rutledge Ave.
Gaffney, SC 29341



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	6-8 Middle	Principal:	Dr. J. Mark Bunch
Enrollment:	578 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Quincie L. Moore
School Phone:	864-206-2302	Board Chair:	Ms. Cheryl D. Smith
School Website:	http://grm.cherokee1.k12.sc.us/pages/Granard_Middle_School		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

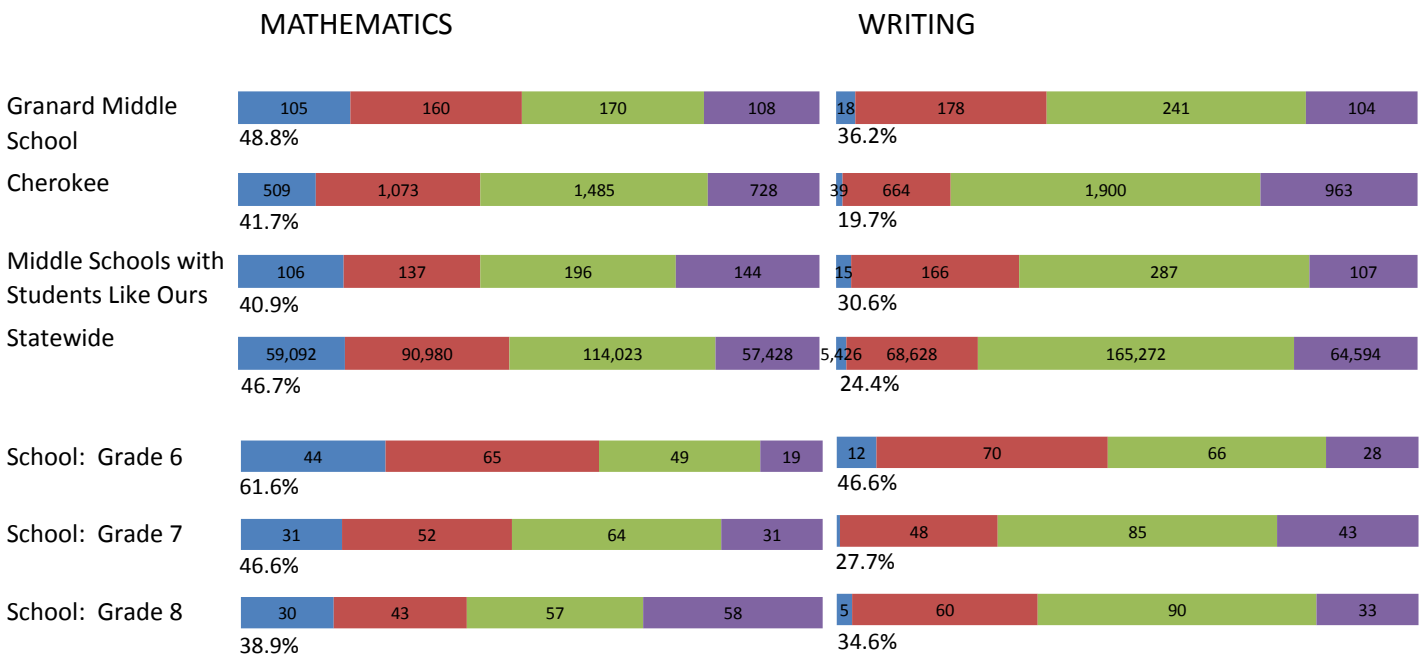
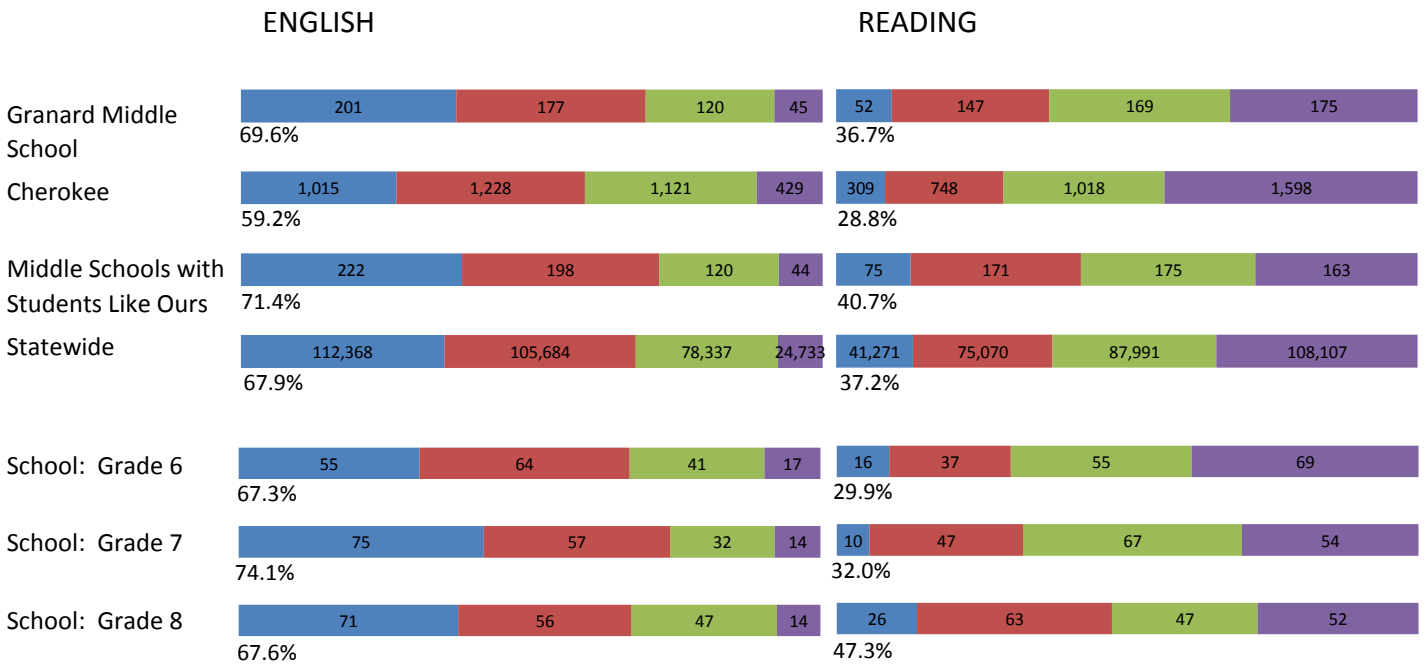
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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This has been a very successful year at Granard Middle School. Our teachers and staff worked diligently to provide a nurturing and academically challenging environment. Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing two foreign language electives. Granard Middle school also provides career studies and studied with students from Croatia. These components encourage students to develop their skills and abilities to the maximum and rise as far as their talents will take them. Our Robotics team placed first in the county and competed at the state Robotics competition. The Granard Middle School 7th grade football team was undefeated and was conference champions. Our school continues to receive a Project Unify Grant which is an education-based project that uses sports and education programs to foster respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities. Our students participated in Regional Band, as well as having successful seasons in football, volleyball, and basketball. Our School Report Card score was a "B". Students and staff participated in Writing Across the Curriculum. This was a tremendous success. Granard Middle School received the Exemplary Writing Award from the South Carolina Department of Education. We continued to stress technology implementation in the classrooms and held school-based training sessions. Additionally, our staff participated in a variety of meaningful professional development opportunities in order to improve classroom performance. Granard Middle School is in the third year of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS). We continue to be committed to providing a quality educational experience for every student. Dr. Mark Bunch, Principal
Gina Rostenbach, SIC Chair

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



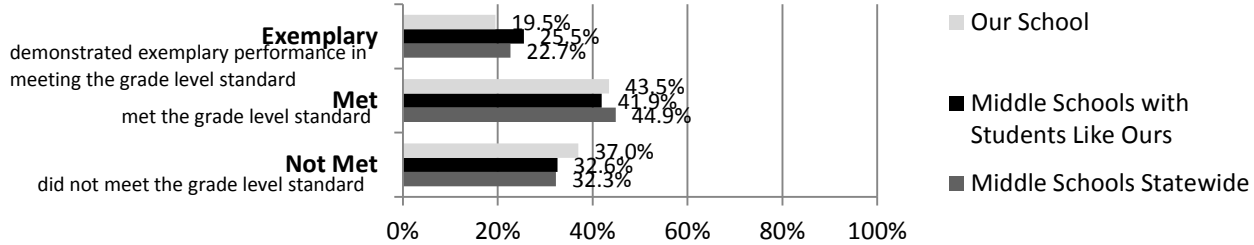
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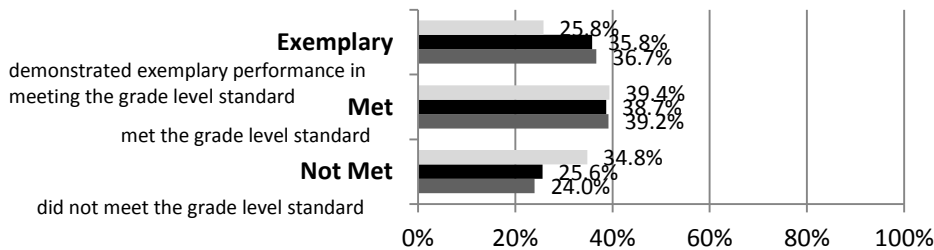
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
54.8	70.8	63.3

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
55.9	64.0	75.0

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	"Exemplary" : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" : student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" : student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	96.8
English 1	N/A	92.8
Biology 1	N/A	77.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	52.5
All Subjects	100.0	95.2

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 578)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	64.9	Down from 69.4%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	47.9	Down from 50.0%	29.9
Attendance Rate	96.3	Down from 96.5%	95.7
With disabilities	9.3	Up from 7.3%	13.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	24.1	Down from 27.6%	23.1
Percentage of students retained	0.3	No change	0.6
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 36)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	66.7	No change	64.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	94.4	Up from 80.6%	78.3
Teachers returning from previous year	89.5	Down from 91.4%	86.6
Teacher attendance rate	92.4	Down from 92.8%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$50,186	Up 1.8%	\$47,961
Professional development days / teacher	10.9 days	Down from 13.0 days	10.9 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.6
School			
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.5 to 1	Up from 17.2 to 1	23.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9	Down from 89.1%	88.3
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	99.8
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	15.0	N/A	14.3
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	9.8	N/A	19.3
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	26-50%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.3	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.3	N/C	1.8
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.5	Up from 3.1%	2.2
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,761	Up 7.5%	\$7,428
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.9	Up from 66.8%	62.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	67.5	No change	63.8

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

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	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	180	95
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.7	85.0	91.6
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.2	77.5	83.5
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.0	86.5	77.9

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

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Average
2013	Good	Good
2012	Average	Good

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

- SC State Content Standards
- [Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
- [2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
- [Report Card Data Files](#)
- [ESEA Data Files](#)

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