



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:	5-8 Middle	Principal:	DEBRA P MORRIS
Enrollment:	519 students	Superintendent:	Dr. John M. Kirby, Jr
School Phone:	843-752-7117	Board Chair:	Betty Jo Johnson
School Website:	http://lms4.mybigcampus.net/		



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

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

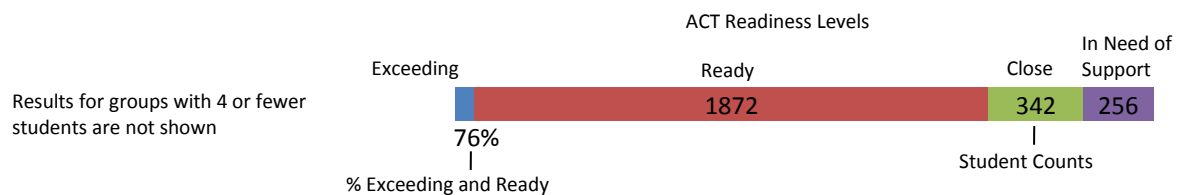
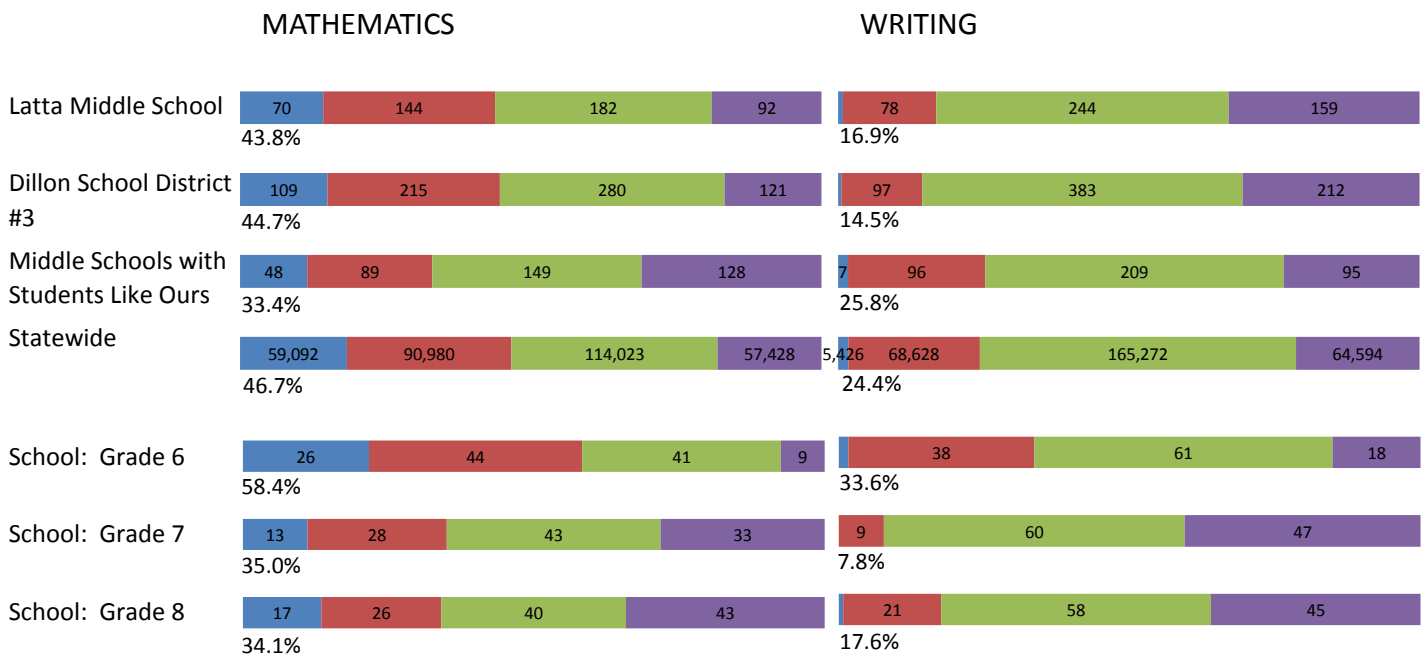
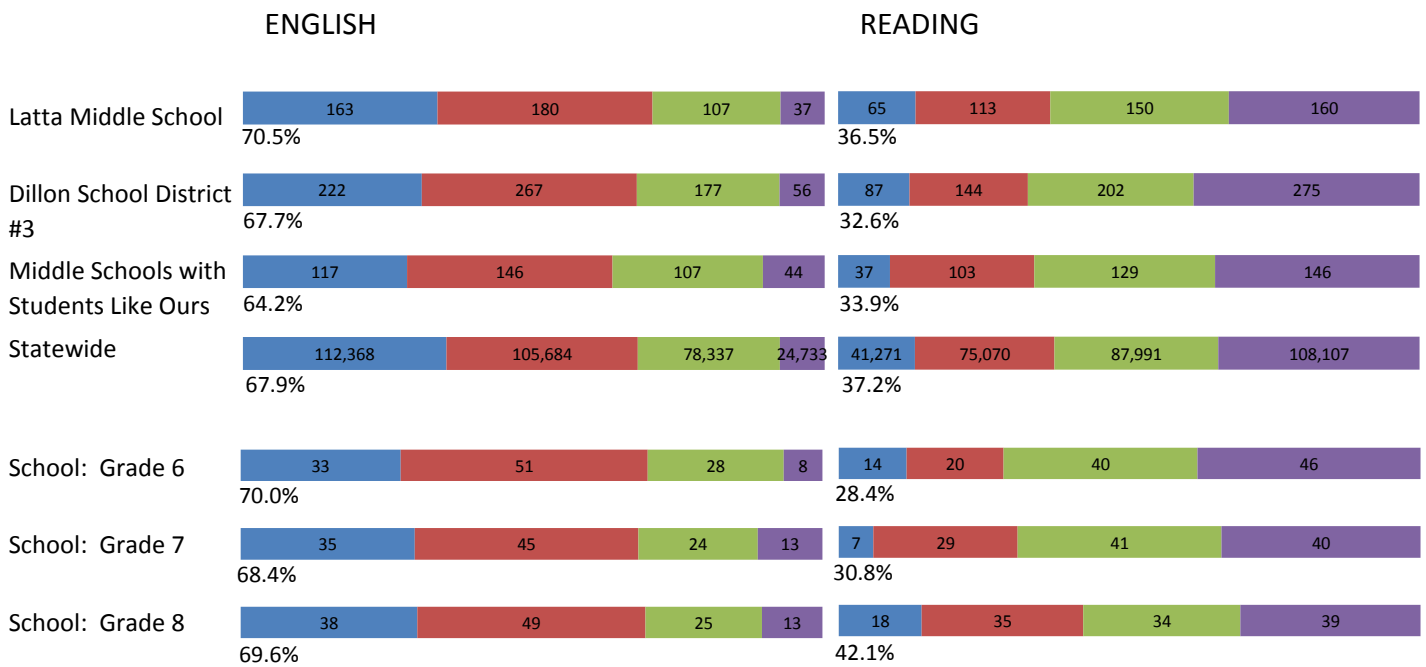
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Latta Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by offering science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses. Students are also provided rigorous instruction in math and language arts based on the SC College and Career Readiness Standards. In addition, eighth grade students have the opportunity to earn high school credit in Algebra I, English I, Keyboarding and Physical Education. By earning early credit they are able to focus on subjects and internships during high school that will enhance their career path. The Viking Laptop Academy is our 1:1 initiative that enables students to keep up with the pace of technology today. Every eighth grade student receives a laptop which is used to enhance their learning experience during instruction in the classroom and for reinforcement at home. Latta Middle School's new STEM initiative offers a Design and Modeling course through Project Lead the Way. In D&M students learn many of the world class skills needed for future success. We have been awarded two grants funded by Verizon and Duke Energy which will allow us to grow our STEM program next year. PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is also underway at LMS. We celebrate positive behaviors each day in an effort to reduce negative behaviors, improve school climate and instill strong life and career characteristics in our students. We are able to achieve success in preparing our students for the future through the efforts of an excellent teaching faculty, the support of our parents, the efforts of our students, and the trust that exists between the schools and the people of our community. Debra P. Morris- Principal Kelly Sellers- School Improvement Council Chairperson

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

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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



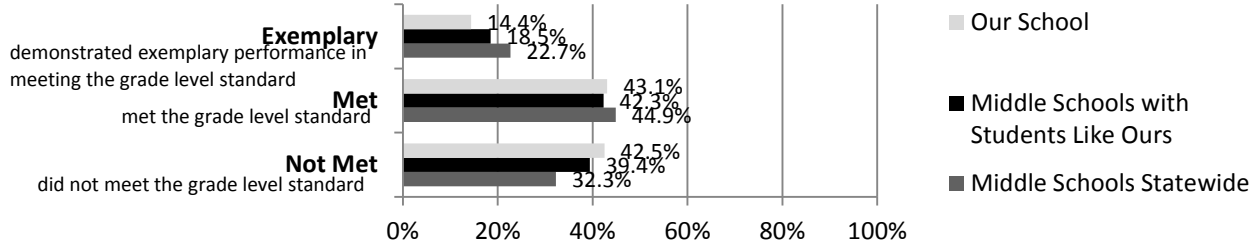
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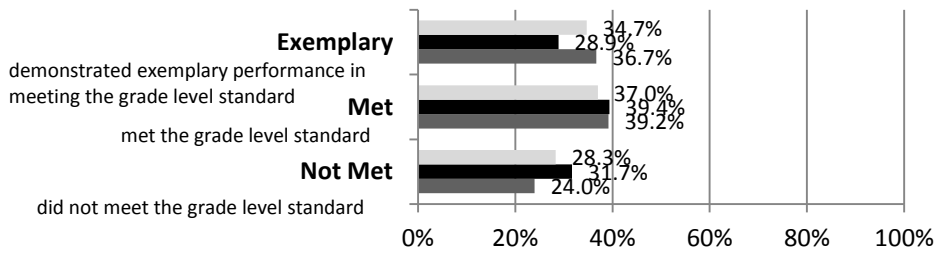
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
47.9	53.8	63.5

Social Studies SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
74.8	49.6	82.5

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	93.3	96.8
English 1	95.3	93.4
Biology 1	N/A	67.1
US History and the Constitution	N/A	53.1
All Subjects	93.9	95.1

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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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 519)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	78.4	Down from 80.5%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	53.2	Up from 49.5%	22.5
Attendance Rate	95.1	Down from 96.8%	95.1
With disabilities	10.2	Down from 11.2%	14.9
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.3	Up from 0.0%	0.8
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	18.7	Up from 16.3%	16.8
Percentage of students retained	1.5	Up from 1.2%	0.8
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 24)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	58.3	Down from 68.8%	57.5
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	70.8	Down from 75.0%	76.3
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6	Up from 85.7%	85.0
Teacher attendance rate	95.5	Up from 95.3%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$43,796	Down 3.4%	\$46,416
Professional development days / teacher	9.0 days	Down from 19.1 days	10.9 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5
School			
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Down from 26.0 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1	Down from 91.6%	88.4
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	No	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.5	Down from 100.0%	99.4
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	15.0	N/A	14.7
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	20.5	N/A	25.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	50-100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.5	N/C	1.0
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.1	N/C	1.9
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5	Up from 1.2%	5.3
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$4,737	Up 2.3%	\$7,866
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.8	Up from 56.1%	61.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	58.0	Up from 56.9%	62.6

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	126	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	74.6	88.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	74.4	80.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.2	82.8	71.2

* 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	Average	Good
2012	Average	Average

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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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