

Northside Middle School

157 Cougar Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169



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:	Lisa Davis
Enrollment:	551 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Venus J. Holland
School Phone:	803-739-4190	Board Chair:	Mr. Bill Bingham Jr.
School Website:	https://sites.google.com/a/lex2.org/schools-nm/		



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

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

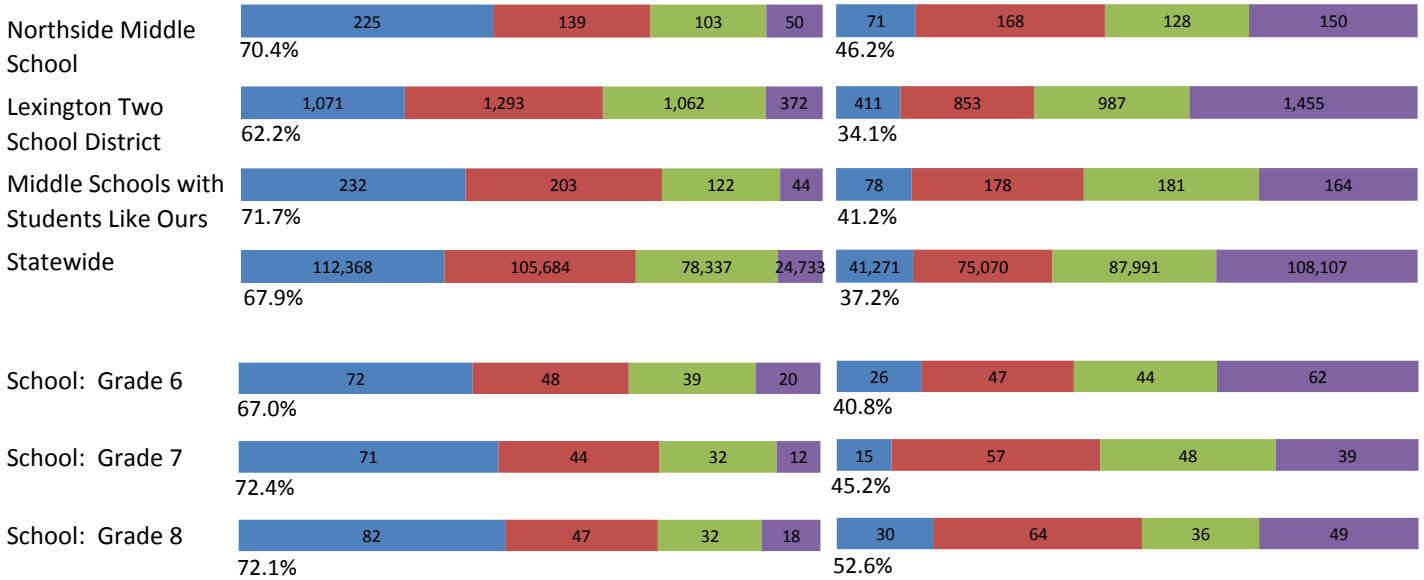
Our school is helping all students develop life and career characteristics to fulfill the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. We are implementing strategies and activities to build world class knowledge and skills consistent with the lifelong learner. This year in collaboration with the Lex2 Next Initiative, Northside Middle School (NMS) issued each student a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. Through Samsung School and Google Classroom, our students and teachers are collaborating on assignments and reaching higher levels of rigor. In addition, we continue to maintain one Apple Lab, five Dell labs, and four portable Chrome Book labs. Our students are encouraged and supported to learn different platforms of technology and understand the advantages of each platform. We continue to work toward College and Career Readiness through our Achieve 3000 online reading program. NMS provides weekly access to Achieve 3000 to give each student the opportunity to improve reading comprehension. Each student is provided with their Lexile Score so they can measure their growth. We have also embarked on our second year of writing an interest-based research project. Students have been allowed to obtain and evaluate multiple sources using the Galaxy Tablets for online resources. We are indeed proud of our accomplished students and staff members. We remain committed to serving the diverse needs of our 558 students. We consistently prove that a school with excellent teachers who regularly use research-based instructional strategies coupled with great parental support can produce outstanding results. In 2014-2015, thirty-two students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society to give us a total of seventy-two members. Seventeen students were qualified as South Carolina Junior Scholars. Sixteen students were honored as Myrdis Walker Scholars. Fifty-four students were named as Duke Tip scholars. Our students continue to excel on high school readiness assessments. Our student body's performance on the Spring administration of PASS earned NMS the Palmetto Gold Award. NMS earned an "Excellent, Excellent" rating on the school report card. NMS provides many opportunities to display our "Cougar Pride"! We have enhanced curriculum nights to highlight student accomplishments in the ELA, math, science, and social studies classrooms. Success after school continues and we are proud to consider the whole child at Northside. Our volleyball and football teams were Co-District champions. Several student artists have been recognized by the local Rotary Club. Our Chorus participated at the Cayce Tree-Lighting ceremony. Band, Chorus, and Strings performed at the Carowinds Music Festival and scored Superior, Excellent and Excellent ratings respectively. Our students demonstrate a commitment to the community participating in food drives for Harvest Hope, Spruce Up day at Northside, Hoops for Heart for the American Heart Association, Dig Pink for the American Cancer Association, and our staff contributes in the United Way campaign. We recognize our community's Veterans as

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

ENGLISH

READING



MATHEMATICS

WRITING



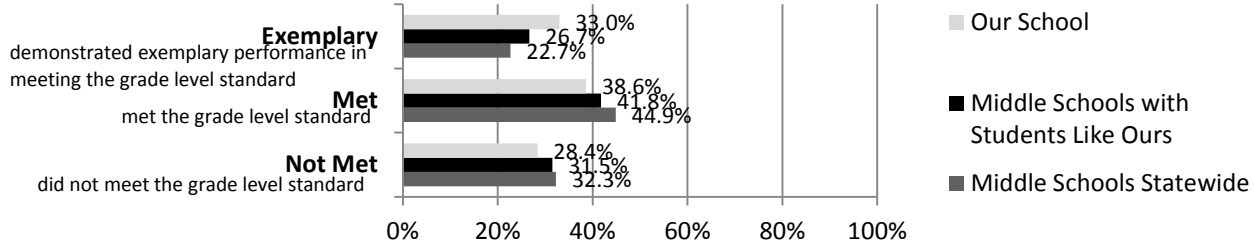
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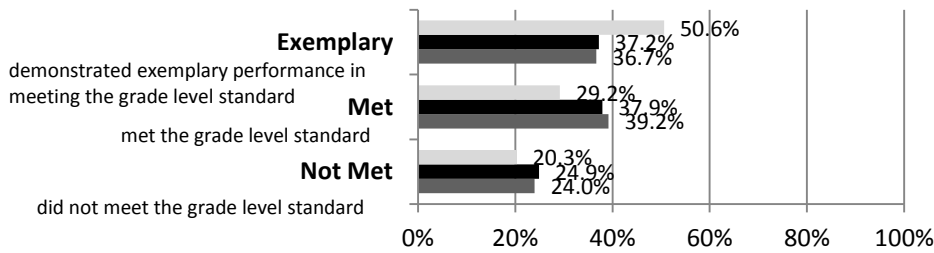
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
71.7	71.1	72.1

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
78.9	78.6	81.6

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	97.3	97.1
English 1	98.9	93.1
Biology 1	N/A	77.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	52.5
All Subjects	98.2	95.5

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 = 551)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	64.0	Down from 66.7%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	46.4	Up from 25.7%	29.8
Attendance Rate	95.2	Down from 95.9%	95.7
With disabilities	12.4	Down from 13.5%	13.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	Down from 1.4%	0.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	35.4	Up from 32.9%	23.1
Percentage of students retained	0.0	No change	0.6
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 39)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	64.1	Up from 62.5%	63.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	59.0	Down from 60.0%	78.3
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6	Up from 82.4%	86.2
Teacher attendance rate	94.0	Down from 94.6%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$47,107	Up 0.4%	\$47,961
Professional development days / teacher	2.5 days	No change	11.4 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4
School			
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	23.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.8	Down from 89.1%	88.7
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.1	Down from 100.0%	99.8
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	16.0	N/A	14.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	18.9	N/A	19.5
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	51-75%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.8	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	3.2	N/C	1.8
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5	Down from 6.5%	2.2
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,675	Up 11.1%	\$7,489
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.7	Up from 68.5%	62.1
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	70.1	Up from 69.5%	64.0

* 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	50	175	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.0	75.5	82.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.8	73.8	84.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.2	86.8	66.2

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

State Ratings History of School

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

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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