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Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2016-2017

Cowpens Middle School



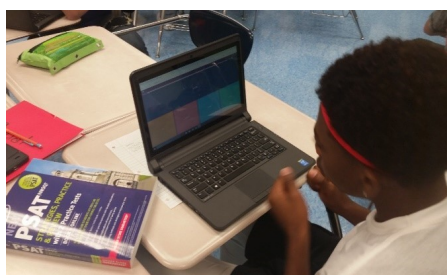
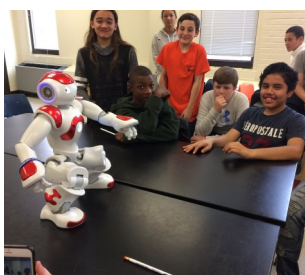
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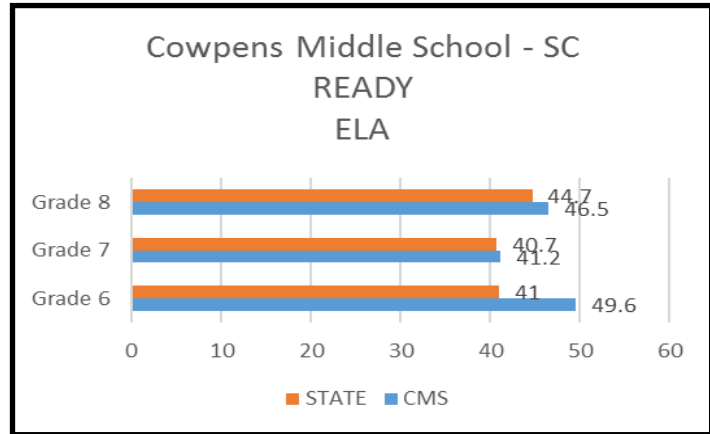
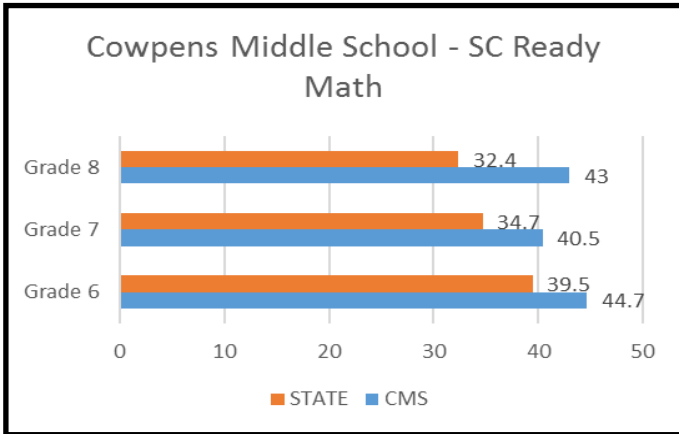
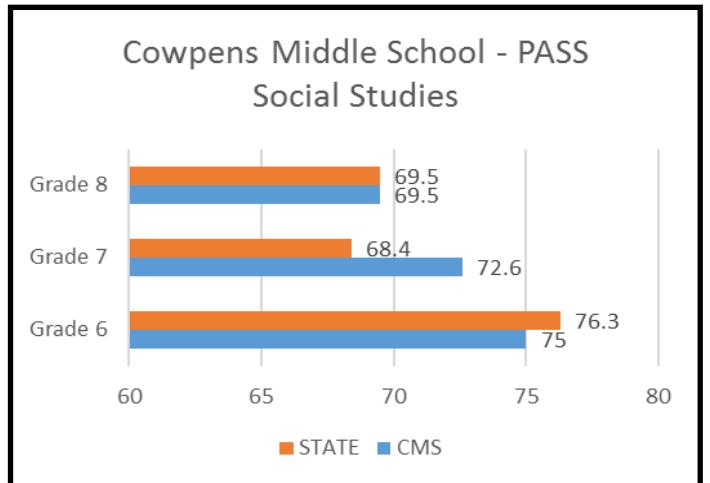
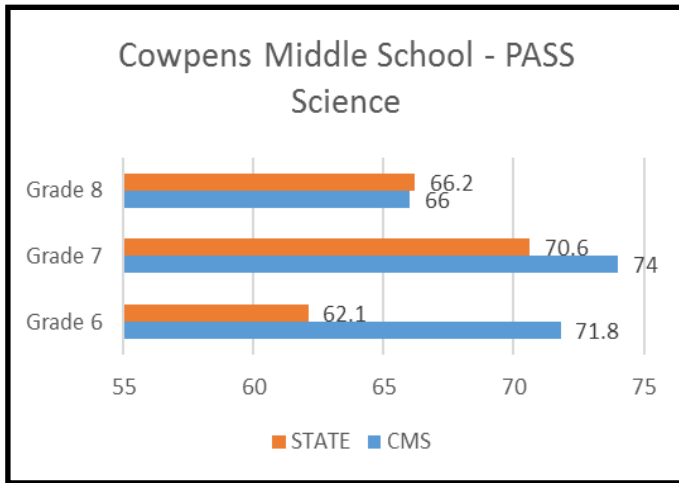
- Featured school on WSPA news in a “small town news segment”.
- Held first Miss CMS pageant.
- Increased Junior Scholar numbers by 150 percent.
- Celebrated our boys basketball division championship.
- Participated in Cowpens Christmas Parade.
- Inaugural Fall festival sponsored by Beta Club.
- Instituted the “No one eats alone” program.

Purpose of Report

The Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents is issued by Cowpens Middle School in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the School Improvement Council, and other accomplishments during the school year.



Our mission, in Spartanburg School District Three, is to provide experiences and teach world class skills and values which empower all children to achieve their fullest potential.



1. Increase reading and writing strategies throughout the school.

Actions:

- ⇒ Conducted monthly TDA (Text Dependent Analysis) Writing Days
- ⇒ Implement A-List-15 most common assessment verbs
- ⇒ Reading conferences held during Red Raider Reading (RRR) for accountability
- ⇒ Conducted complex DBQ (document-based questions)
- ⇒ Required text annotating in all classes
- ⇒ Provided multiple reading rewards programs for students

Outcomes:

- ⇒ Increased Reading and Writing
- ⇒ Increased stamina for Writing and Reading



2. Implement a more streamlined RtI process and offer more assistance to students.

Actions:

- ⇒ Developed written RtI policy
- ⇒ Trained staff on RtI
- ⇒ Provided 'boost' class to assist with borderline students
- ⇒ Provided ICU (Intensive Care Unit) class to provide academic reinforcement
- ⇒ Provided a PSAT class

Outcomes:

- ⇒ Decreased failures
- ⇒ Increased Beta Club members
- ⇒ RtI numbers decreased approximately 60 percent from the beginning of the year to the fourth quarter

3. Provide a safe learning environment for all students, staff, and visitors.

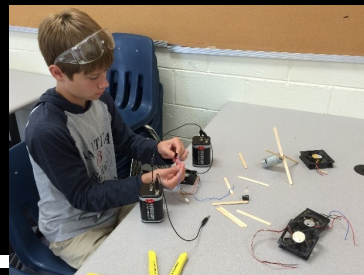
Actions:

- ⇒ Transitioned from Wampum (school money) to Raider Card (signatures)
- ⇒ Provided more unique opportunities for positive rewards
- ⇒ Continue to hold 'Everyone Has a Story' School-wide assembly monthly with guest speakers
- ⇒ School counselors visit HR throughout the year to promote character education
- ⇒ Mentoring groups meet once per month during homeroom to discuss character education
- ⇒ Recognized students of the month in front of student body with positive incentives

- ⇒ Meet with staff routinely concerning safety procedures

Outcomes:

- ⇒ Constant awareness of positive behaviors through self-management
- ⇒ Increased school spirit and student involvement
- ⇒ Prepared for emergency situations



- Set up joint mentoring/reading program between middle school and elementary school.
- Recognized as a 2017 National Beta Club School of Merit.
- Staff received four grants for classroom supplies, technology, and educational trips.
- Weekly staff newsletter received an excellence award in newsletter category from SC chapter of the national school public relations.
- Created leadership class, within existing class, to increase scholar participation throughout the school.
- Increased Junior Scholar numbers from 3 to 8.

