

## Additional Information

Beck Academy is an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme School and serves 1100 students. It was the first middle school in South Carolina to become an IB MYP school in 2000. It is a Select Magnet School focusing on International Studies.

Beck moved to a new location on Woodruff Rd. in 2006 and continues to enjoy its state of the art facilities featuring:

- Specifically designed restrooms for orthopedic satellite program
- 7 Science Labs
- Cafetorium
- “Touch” doors making us handicap accessible throughout the school
- Art Studio with kiln room
- Excellent Athletic Fields
- Tennis Courts
- 6 mobile laptop labs
- 2 computer labs
- Promethean Boards in math, science and various other classes
- Band, Choral, and String Rooms

**Beck also serves as the Satellite school for the district for its Orthopedic Impaired, Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired students.**

To receive information about Beck Academy on a regular basis, please sign up for our electronic newsletter, eNews by entering your email address into the appropriate field on the front page of the school’s website.

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## School Programs

- Fine Arts Studies in Art, Chorus, String, Drama, Guitar and Band
- Art Club
- Yearbook Class
- Gateway to Technology Program
- 72% of teachers with Advanced Degrees
- 5 Staff Members hold National Board Certification
- Guidance Staff provide: S.P.O.T. (Supporting Parents of Teens), Friendship Group (grade 6), STEP UP (Grade 7), Bully Prevention Program (Grade 6), READY SET HIGH SCHOOL (Grade 8), Career Assessment and Activities Program
- Student Mentoring Programs including:
  - Call Me Mister- through Clemson University
  - G.E. Math/Science Enrichment Program
- Boys and Girls Book Clubs
- Student Led Conferences
- Community Service Learning
- Youth in Government
- Speech & Forensics Team
- Beck’s Big Event
- Beck Blankets Greenville provides blankets to local shelters
- Beta Club, Student Council, Robotics, Math Counts
- Student Incentive Programs include:
  - Marvelous Mondays, Community and Service Learning, Attendance and Grade Awards, Blue Knight Roundtable, IB Learner of the Month

## Beck Academy SIC

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## Beck Academy

### Annual Report to the Community

**2012-13**



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## Beck Academy's Mission

The mission of Beck Academy, an International Baccalaureate School, is to meet the academic needs of our culturally diverse student body in a safe environment that nurtures, accepts and encourages all students to be productive citizens of the global community, life-long learners and future leaders.

## Our Annual Goals

Our achievement goals are measured by student achievement on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math. The student scores are reported in three categories: Not Met, Met and Exemplary

1. For the 2012-2013 school year, at least 79.4% of our students will score MET or Exemplary on the Reading and Research portion of PASS.
2. For the 2012-2013 school year, at least 75.7% of our students will score MET or Exemplary on the Writing portion of PASS.
3. For the 2012-2013 school year, at least 79% of our students will score MET or Exemplary on the MATH portion of PASS.
4. Maintain a 94% student attendance rate for the 2012-13 school year. Our attendance rate in 2011-2012 was 96%
5. Maintain our current return rate of teachers and administration at 95% from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013.
6. Increase the highly qualified status of our teaching staff from 96% to 97% (a 1% increase) from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013.

## Student Achievement

In 2012 Beck Academy received an absolute rating of **EXCELLENT** and an improvement rating of **EXCELLENT** on our School Report Card.

Our Federal Accountability Grade was an A. This is the first time a letter grade has been assigned for federal accountability replacing the former system of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our percentages of students scoring MET or EXEMPLARY on PASS for 2012 as indicated on our School Report Card were:

Subject	2009	2010	2011	2012
Math	78	75.5	74.8	78.6
ELA	76.8	75.4	75.8	81.3
Writing	74.1	73.9	78.4	83.3
Science	75	71.6	76	85.4
Social Studies	75.4	69.7	76.6	77.5

Our letter grade is assigned based on our school's performance on PASS. Our scores are reported by subgroups according to race, gender, free and reduced lunch status, English language proficiency, and disability status. The number of subgroups varies from school to school based on the diversity of the school and amount of students that are in a subgroup. These scores are then averaged into points resulting in a letter grade.

Currently 36% of our students are on free and reduced lunch status and over 10% of our population is students with disabilities.

*“For more information, you may view Beck Academy’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).”*

## Awards/Recognition

### Academic

- Federal Accountability Grade A
- Palmetto Gold Awards
- Palmetto Silver Awards
- Excellent Report Card Ratings

### Community

- State PTSA Teacher of the Year
- Awards for PTSA Electronic Newsletter (eNews)
- Red Carpet School
- National PTA School of Excellence
- State Student Volunteer of Year
- Multiple Membership Awards

### Student

- All-State, Region, and County Orchestra and Band Winners
- SC Junior Scholars/150 +Duke TIP Scholars
- District Visual Arts Awards

### Clubs

- Youth In Government
  - Outstanding Statesman
  - Outstanding Delegation
  - Two Bills to Governor
- Region and State Robotics
- State BETA Club Winners

### Athletics

- District Championships
  - Girls/Boys Soccer
  - Girls/Boys Basketball
  - Volleyball
- Conference Championships
  - All Sports

### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by Beck Academy in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”*