

School Achievements

On the 2011 state school report card, Cario earned an “Excellent” achievement rating and an “Excellent” improvement rating. Our students have shown growth in reading, mathematics, and language usage through their Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores and have also consistently demonstrated mastery of rigorous academic standards. Cario students excel in both the arts and athletics. The Cario Chorus was named 2011 SC Choral Festival State Champions, and Cario is the only school in South Carolina to have students selected to every regional and national honor choir since 2000. Orchestra students received superior ratings at the SC Concert Festival. Cario’s band received the state’s Outstanding Performance Award for the tenth consecutive year and earned superior ratings at the SC Concert Festival. They also broke a state record with 19 All-State recipients. Visual artists have earned numerous awards, including two first place ribbons at Trident Technical College’s Quest competition. Drama students were involved in several productions during the year. Cario teams competed in football, volleyball cheerleading, soccer, tennis, swimming, golf, baseball, and softball. Student council sponsored multiple community service projects, and the yearbook staff produced a high-quality publication.

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Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Cario Middle School School Improvement Council 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.”

Cario Middle School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2011-12



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The mission of Thomas Cario Middle School is to nurture a love of learning through challenging academics and a supportive environment where every student is valued, is taught to think critically and creatively, and is expected to model dignity and respect.

SIC Annual Goals

Our vision is to build communications with the community, within the school and with parents. We plan to build positive relationships with the children and the community. We will focus on closing the achievement gap processing programs and individual student needs to support growth of every child. Ultimately, we will make Cario Middle School the best school in the State of South Carolina.

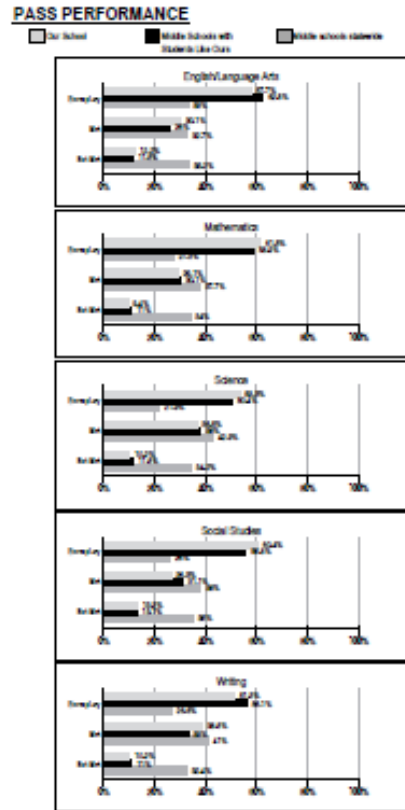
We have seen great results in student MAP scores this school year as we focus on increasing rigorous lessons in every classroom and providing tiered interventions for students needed extra assistance.

Our focus is to ensure every child is successful at Cario Middle School. We plan to provide additional interventions focused on mathematics and English content to close the achievement gap. Additional APEX courses will be implemented to provide students with unit recovery opportunities to build student knowledge in these areas.

Our goal is to have every child meet standard on the South Carolina PASS Assessment, to close the achievement gap, and assist with increasing the graduation rate in Charleston County.

Student Achievement Earned Palmetto Gold Award

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	Average
2008	Good	Below Average



“For more information, you may view Cario’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.”

Additional Information

- Cario Middle School is a No Child Left Behind receiving school
- Of student body consists of 79% White, 14% African American, 2% Asian, and 2% Hispanic students.
- We currently have 1300 students that attend our 6th through eighth grade facility.
- We provide rigorous instruction with 100 qualified staff members.
- Professional development is provided to all staff throughout the school year focusing on best strategies and our school vision.
- We provide a quality honors program at all grade levels
- Students are recognized through RTI and provided necessary interventions on a tiered system.
- We have developed entrance assessments for all 5th, 6th, and 7th graders in math and English to help place students appropriately and provide the necessary interventions as needed.
- Cario Middle School believes that parent involvement and positive relationships with the community supports a successful student. We encourage parent volunteers, provide newsletters and information to parents, and leave open communications to support all children and their families.

Cario Middle School continues its tradition of excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Cario is a highly successful middle school with a large campus, a small-school atmosphere, and huge opportunities for students.

On the 2010 state school report card, Cario earned an “Excellent” absolute rating and an “Excellent” growth rating, and met all annual yearly progress (AYP) goals. Our students have shown growth in reading, mathematics, and language usage through their Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores and have also consistently demonstrated mastery of rigorous academic standards.

Cario provides a quality honors program at all grade levels, as well as a structured system of interventions for students who need academic assistance. Students have opportunities to earn high school credits and may take exploratory courses such as Spanish, pre-engineering, health, drama, and fitness. Cario has one of the highest percentages of students identified as gifted and talented (GT) in CCSD. Cario students competed in academic challenges such as the SC Science Olympiad (2nd place in the

state), American Mathematic Competition, Math Counts competition (1st place in the region; 4th place in the state), Mu Alpha Theta Math Competition (1st place), CCSD Spellbound Spelling Bee, Quest (1st place in level 2 math; 3rd place overall), and National Geographic Geography Bee.

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The Cario staff has participated in on-going professional development (PD) in order to meet the needs of our students. PD focused on active engagement in the learning process, implementation of the CCSD Coherent Curriculum, instructional technology, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and interdisciplinary lesson development based on students’ needs. Cario’s staff includes eleven members who have earned National Board Certification and ten teachers with GT endorsements. Forty-one percent of faculty members hold advanced degrees. Cario Middle School uses the Making Middle Grades Work model to implement positive changes in our school. We recognize the importance of high expectations, rigorous academics, and a safe, supportive learning environment for all students. As partners in education, our faculty and staff, parents, and community members support and actively participate in making Cario Middle School a model for educational excellence.

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