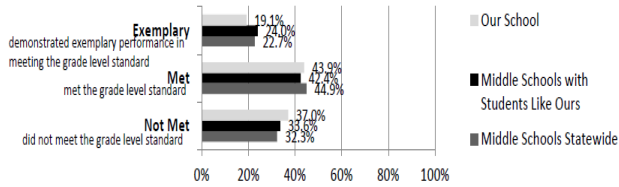


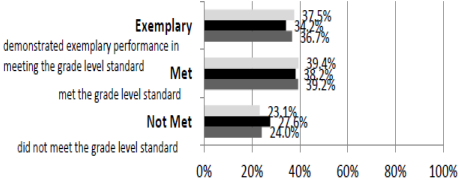
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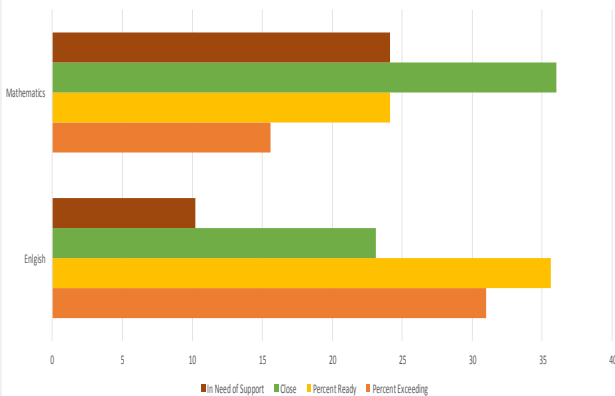
Social Studies



ACT Aspire Stats

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ACT Aspire Performance



Northwest Middle School Facts and Figures

Students	802
General Teachers	30
Related Arts Teachers	9
Special Educators	7
Support Staff	8
School Counselors	3
Media Specialist	1
Instructional Support	2
Student Support	3
Administrators	3
Attendance Rate	96%
Student Teacher Ratio	23:1
Computer Labs	4
Tablet Labs	13
3D Learning Lab	1
Classrooms	45
Video Cameras	26
Science Labs	6
Gyms	2
Weight Room	1
Interactive Boards	47
Soccer Field	1
Baseball Field	1
Tennis Courts	3
Basketball Courts	4



School Improvement Council Report to the People 2014-2015

Northwest Middle School



Dr. David D. McDonald, Principal
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The School Improvement Council is made up of parents, community members, business leaders, and concerned citizens working to make our school better. This information is reported annually to inform the community about the progress of Northwest Middle School in advancing student achievement and accomplishments.

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Northwest Middle School Progress...

Northwest Middle School continues to develop in several key areas of improvement. The School Improvement Council continues to work to support the goals of the Greenville County School District which include these four areas:

1. Student Learning and Achievement
2. Quality Personnel
3. School Environment
4. Financial Resources
5. Communications and Community Engagement

Student Learning and Achievement:

Northwest saw positive returns on the new state assessment system. Students continue to utilize new personalized learning pathways through technology, project based learning, and a strong assessment system. Hundreds of hours of extra help, support, and tutoring have been completed this year.

Quality Personnel:

We have worked hard to provide bright competent teachers who are highly qualified and who have a strong desire to help students learn. We are proud of our staff and their continued efforts to remain current in their field and bring forward 21st century learning strategies into the classroom. This year we had 22 new staff members who have worked to support our students

School Environment & Financial Resources:

We started our school year out with a brand new interior look inclusive of new paint in all areas, additional technology, and more resources for student learning. Several classrooms saw flooring upgrades as well as numerous HVAC additions.

We added an additional 150 chromebooks this year as well as student look up stations in the cafeteria. We also added new classes this year for technology. Additionally, we showcase student artwork in our new gallery started with work from our students.

Communications and Community Engagement:

This year we have grown our partnership with the Cliffs Resident Outreach (CRO). We are currently feeding over 100 people per weekend as well as received a \$16,000 donation which allowed us to purchase 98 additional chromebooks. We launched a new mentoring program this year supporting nearly 20 students with individual mentor supporters. Our bike club saw more growth and we introduced a new 3D printing club where we are making hands to donate to persons born without a hand. We have a continued friendship with the Rotary Club has provided our young "knights" a foundation for better character and the skills to form healthier and more lasting friendships with classmates. Northwest participates in the TR greater cleanup and the TR Relay for life as well as many other drives to provide food, coats, and daily needs for families in the community. We are also increasing our usage of Twitter, Facebook and other social media to communicate with parents and the greater community.

Innovation at Northwest.

Students at Northwest continue to excel academically. New courses and programs were offered during the 2015-16 school including new high school credit classes including:

- Additional spaces for Spanish 1
- Google Applications Class
- Art 1
- Online learning opportunities

This year 10 students participated in a new KickSTART program in which they took high school credit classes to enter high school as a 10th grader.



During the school year, students in one 8th grade team utilized Project Based Learning as their means of learning. Students piloted the use of tablet technology in class each day.

This year we introduced Club Time. Students chose an interest club to participate in over the course of the year. These included things such as baking, bike, Minecraft, 3d printing, makerspace, and many more. Students were grouped by interest rather than their grade level.

Students continue to enjoy success in various competitions. Our band and chorus both attended competitions this year, earning high marks. Our school had more winners in the district art competition than any other school. Students have raised over \$10,000 for various causes through the year.

Our new PAWS for a Cause event helped our students earn over 1000 volunteer hours supporting various causes throughout our community.

Northwest would like to thank all of its sponsors, supporters, and volunteers for all they do to make Northwest an exceptional place for learning to occur. We collected over 4000 volunteer hours in 2014-2015.