

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Built in 1962



TEACHING STAFF

Student/Teacher Ratio: **22.1:1**
 Advanced Degrees: **57.5%**
 National Board Certified: **3**
 Attendance Rate: **95.1%**



SPECIAL POPULATIONS

English Language Learners: **10%**
 Free/Reduced Lunch: **76%**
 Learners with Disabilities: **15%**
 Gifted and Talented: **12%**



DEMOGRAPHICS

White: **31%**; African-American: **48%**;
 Hispanic: **17%**; Multi-Ethnic: **3%**;
 Asian: **1%**; Indian/Alaskan Native: **0%**

QUICK FACTS 2018–2019

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 658

Female: 48%

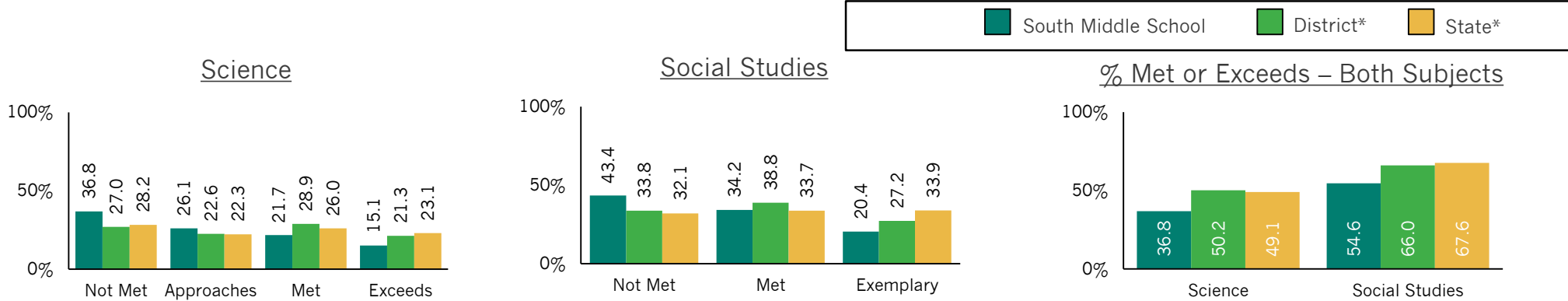
Male: 52%

Capacity: 691

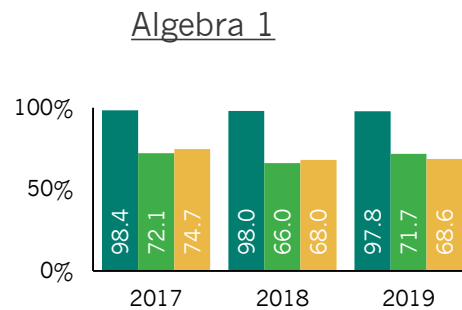
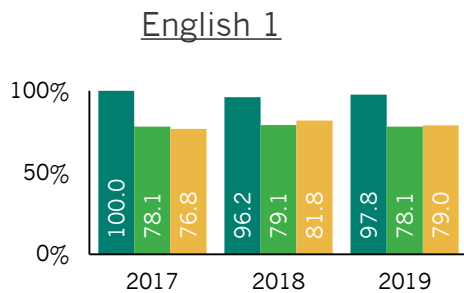
Classrooms: 47

Square Feet: 82,009

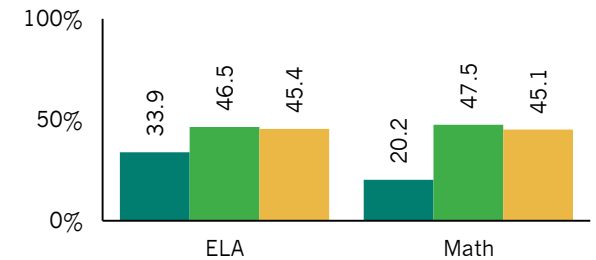
SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (2019)



END-OF-COURSE (EOC) TESTS (% passing)



SC READY (2019) (% met or exceeds)



*District- and state-level scores are for all grades.

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South Middle continues on a sustained trajectory toward meeting the rigorous criteria in the areas of excellence, development responsiveness, organizational structure, and social equity. We believe that our students should be provided with the best educational opportunities in order to be successful, informed, and productive citizens. Our students have the opportunity to participate in student-centered activities such as clubs and advisor-advisee, 1:1 Chromebooks, a rotating class schedule, academic assistance during the school day, experiences in the related arts, and a rigorous academic program.

South Middle School's mission is "Preparing Students to Succeed." The school offers students opportunities to interact with technology on a daily basis through the 1:1 Chromebook program or courses that use iPads, computers, and Kindles. In the 2018-19 school year, South Middle served 658 students throughout Grades 6-8. Approximately 57.5 percent of our faculty members had advanced degrees.

South Middle School provides every student with middle-level certified, highly-qualified teachers who understand and work well with our student and parent population. Families are an integral part of our school. Family Nights are held throughout the year to showcase what our students are learning in the classrooms. Our school leadership fosters independent and collaborative planning and decisions. Constant improvement is sustained through data analysis and staff, student, and parent surveys.

In 2019, South received its third designation as a "National Schools to Watch" through the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. In 2018-19, 33.9% of students at South Middle School scored "Meets or Exceeds" on the South Carolina College and Career-Ready (SC READY) assessment in English Language Arts. This is an increase from 27.3% "Meets or Exceeds" in 2017-18. In 2018-19, 20.2% of our students at South scored "Meets or Exceeds" in Math on the SC READY Assessment which was a decline from 23.3% of students who scored "Meets or Exceeds" in the 2018-19 school year. We are working hard to research and implement strategies to address both of these areas to help our students to grow in all content areas and especially in ELA and Math. For the 2018-19 school year, 97.8 percent of South Middle students who completed the Algebra I End of Course assessment obtained passing scores, while 97.8 percent passed the English I End of Course assessment.

South Middle embraces every student and continuously strives to find ways to educate the whole child and to do our part to make them career- and college-ready by the time they graduate.