

I am very proud of our academic performance at Jolliff Middle School. Despite strong overall scores (Reading 92%, Math 86%, Science 94%, History 97%, and Writing 88%), we failed to make AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) last year. We did not make enough progress in Math and English in several sub groups. We knew that we would come to this point as the benchmarks we had to hit grew higher and higher. Currently, for the 2011-12 school year, we must have 90% or better pass the test in both Math and English in all four sub-groups (Economically disadvantaged, Special Education, Minority and Limited English proficient) in order to make AYP. We knew that this was going to be more and more difficult. No Child Left Behind requires us to have 100% of students pass SOL tests by 2014. As you might guess this is quite a challenge, but one that we embrace. We continue to work hard to help every child and to maintain our 'safe and welcoming' environment. We are able to do this in large measure due to the unstinting confidence and support of our community for which we are extremely thankful.