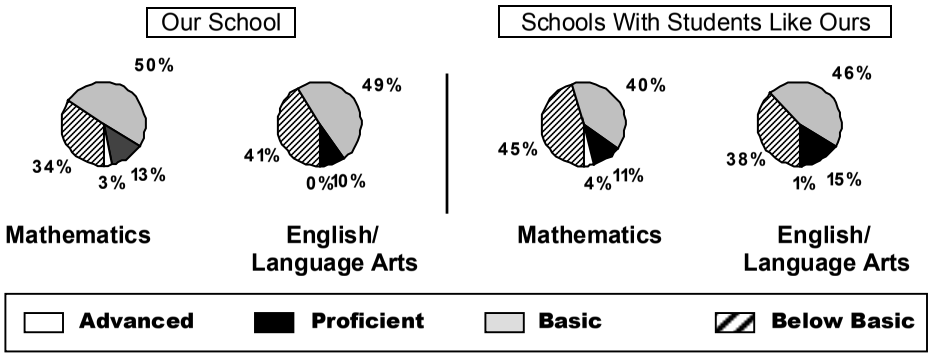
North Vista Elementary

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Below Average	Average
2002	Average	Below Average
2003		
2004		

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science and social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=286)	58.7%	65.7%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities(n=16) Other than Speech	12.5%	6.3%		
Students without disabilities (n=268)	61.9%	69.8%		
Gender				
Male (n=126)	55.6%	65.1%		
Female (n=160)	61.3%	66.3%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=286)	58.7%	65.7%		
Hispanic (n=0)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=0)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=0)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=263)	58.2%	64.6%		
Pay for lunch (n=20)	75.0%	90.0%		

SCHOOL PROFILE: North Vista Elementary

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	$5,235	Up 0.2%	$5,969	$5,509
• Prime instructional time	83.7%	Down from 89.6%	89.9%	90.4%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	12.9 to 1	Down from 15.2 to 1	17.1 to 1	18.5 to 1
STUDENTS (n=607)				
• Attendance Rate	91.4%	Down from 95.4%	96.1%	96.4%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0.0%	No change	8.0%	5.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0.0%	No change	6.9%	4.0%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	98.8%	Down from 100.0%	98.1%	96.6%
• Retention rate	5.9%	Up from 4.6%	4.7%	3.4%
TEACHERS (n=50)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.6 Days	Down from 6.8 Days	11.0 Days	10.1 Days
• Attendance Rate	93.2%	Down from 95.1%	95.2%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	14.0%	Up from 11.5%	43.8%	48.6%
• Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	Up from 67.3%	76.5%	85.3%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.0%	Up from 0.0%	2.5%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	77.5%	Up from 73.8%	80.3%	86.2%
• Average teacher salary	$33,518	Up 6.1%	$37,753	$39,333

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.6%	Up from 59.5%	64.5%	66.5%
• Principal's years at the school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	76.0%	Up from 30.2%	98.6%	99.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	58.5%	Up from 55.4%	54.9%	37.5%
• On academic probation	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	4.9%	Up from 4.5%	1.9%	1.2%
• Suspended or expelled	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
• Gifted and talented	2.2%	Up from 1.0%	4.3%	12.6%
• With disabilities other than speech	4.1%	Up from 2.7%	7.2%	7.8%

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA
N/A - Not Applicable
N/C - Not Collected
N/R - Not Reported
I/S - Insufficient Sample

PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

North Vista Elementary is a great place to learn. It is our desire to continue to develop our school into the best place for our students to learn, teachers to teach, and parents to brag about. As a result of our efforts, our school improved their test scores during the 2000-2001 school year. We strongly believe that the following instructional programs contributed to our success:

* New Century Software Program
* Reading Renaissance
* LightSpan
* Higher Order Thinking Program (4th Grade)

Our school is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and nationally accredited by the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA).

During the year our school improvement council updated our improvement plan. The plan was comprised of three target goals in the areas of higher order thinking skills, expanding and integrating knowledge, and research and technology. The new revised plan will implement a rigorous staff development component. All classroom teachers will participate in a yearlong training titled "Standards in Practice."

The faculty and staff at North Vista are dedicated and committed to improving the quality of education for our students. Our art teacher, Catherine Johnson, applied and received National Board Certification. Alethia Clifton was selected teacher of the year for our school.

Educating students is our number one goal. When you visit our school, you will see students engaged in meaningful activities. The atmosphere here at our school is one that is caring. We are always looking for ways to help students, staff, and parents reach their full potential.

Please visit us at 1100 North Irby Street, Florence, SC. Visitors are always welcome! We are proud of our facility and the things that are being accomplished inside the walls of North Vista Elementary!

Sharon R. Dixon, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned	34	0	10
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.8%	N/R	70.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.2%	N/R	70.0%
Percent satisfied with home-school relations	15.2%	N/R	80.0%

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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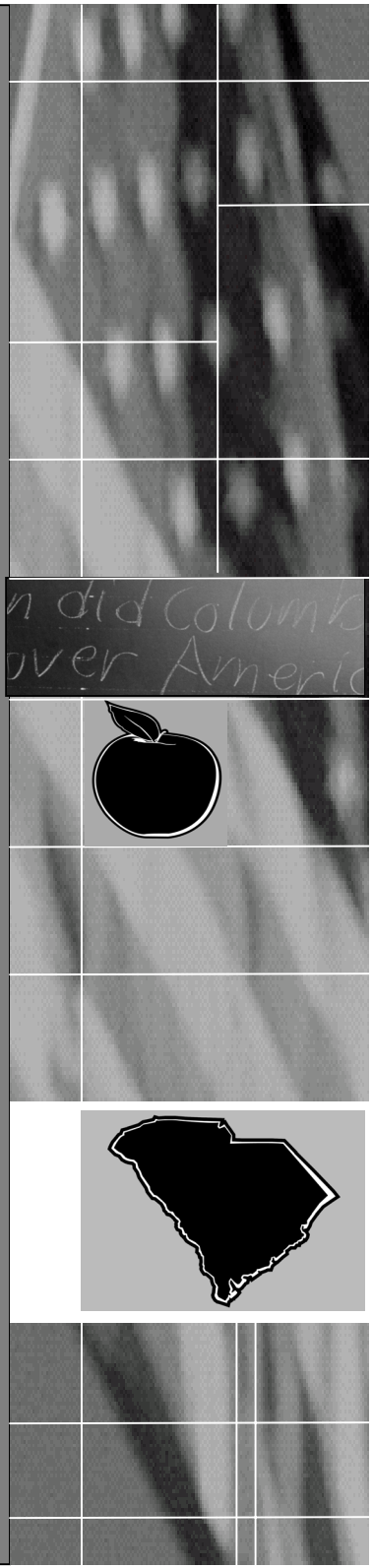

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1100 N. Irby Street
Florence, SC 29501

Grades PK-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 607 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card	2002

Absolute Rating:
Average

Improvement Rating:
Below Average

Absolute Ratings of Similar Schools

Unsatisfactory	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
5	56	31	5	0

South Carolina Performance Goal:
By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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